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Sprinting Back Into Action

Football to Return in 2008

After one season without football, Mansfield will be back in the game in 2008.

MU President Maravene Loeschke announced the launch of a sprint football program, which will compete in the Collegiate Sprint Football League (CSFL) during Homecoming Weekend in October.

Mansfield will be the only public institution in the nation to offer sprint football, which is the same as regular football with the exception of a maximum weight restriction for players of 172 pounds.

"I'm very pleased to announce that football will return to our campus in 2008," Loeschke said at a press conference held at Corey Creek Golf Club before alumni, supporters and students. "Sprint football allows us to compete against some of the most prestigious universities in the nation while remaining affordable and focused on our core mission. It will provide a wonderful opportunity for many young men to continue their education while also pursuing their passion to play football and enjoy the leadership opportunities that come with both."

As exciting as it is for Mansfield to compete with such prestigious schools as Cornell, Penn, Princeton and the service academies, it is equally exciting to be welcomed by them.

Stephen P. Erber, CSFL commissioner and associate athletic director at Cornell University, said, "The Collegiate Sprint Football League is both pleased and excited to welcome Mansfield University as the newest member of the organization that was founded in 1934. We look forward to many years of spirited competition with the Mansfield Mountaineers. It offers a great opportunity to Mansfield and its future football players."

Mansfield dropped its 115-year-old football program in November 2006 because of a projected university budget deficit.



President Maravene Loeschke announces the launching of the sprint football program during Homecoming on October 5.

Last year, Mansfield's NCAA Division II football program cost approximately \$500,000 to operate. The 2008 projected sprint football budget is less than \$155,000.

"At Mansfield, sprint football is our football program and that's exactly how we are going to treat it."

From Sadness to Sprint

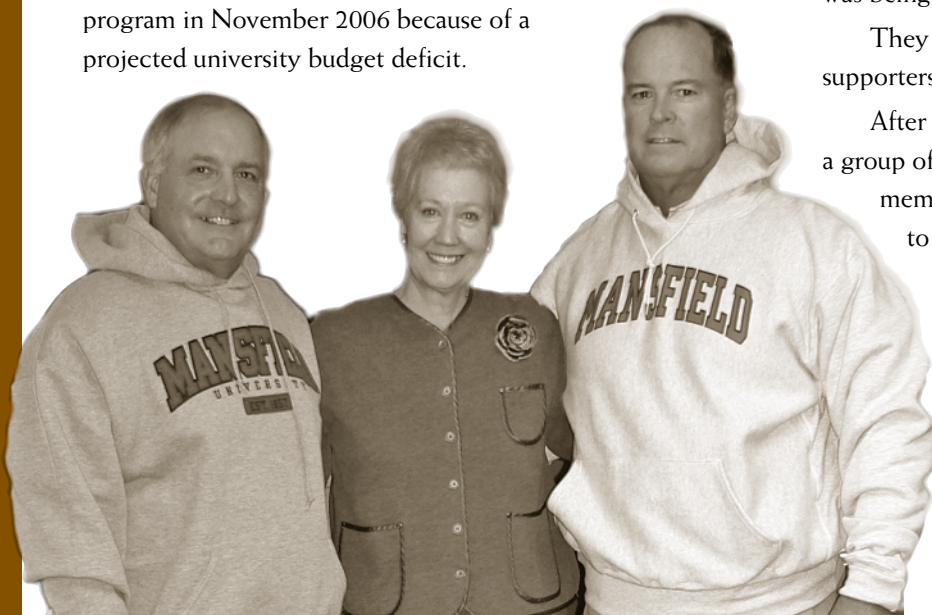
"Great sadness and a disconnection with the proud history of Mansfield University." That's how John Quashnoc, a 1970 graduate who played for the Mountaineers, describes his reaction to hearing the news that the football program was being cut.

They are feelings he shared with many alumni and supporters, including former teammate Ed Gillis '71.

After the initial shock, Quashnoc and Gillis were among a group of alumni who met with President Loeschke and members of Cabinet in the hopes of gaining time to organize an effort to save the program. Those hopes were dashed when the reality of the budget situation was spelled out for them.

Loeschke did ask Quashnoc and Gillis to head up a committee to study the possibility of bringing football back in the future. They were joined initially by Rod Pursell '88, Austin Snyder '62 and Sports Information Director Steve McCloskey '91. Jack Bailey '67 and George Shue '68 are more recent sign-ons to the committee.

"We left no stone left unturned," Quashnoc



President Loeschke meets with John Quashnoc '70 (left) and Ed Gillis '71 (right) in December. Quashnoc and Gillis are on the committee that brought football back to MU.

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Are Unrestricted Gifts Important ?

Unrestricted donations are those which an organization is free to direct where there is greatest need. The flexibility provided by unrestricted gifts makes it easier to leverage them with other donors' gifts for greater impact. There are two kinds of unrestricted support at Mansfield University: annual gifts and endowments. Annual gifts fund current philanthropic needs while endowments are invested to produce a stream of income over time.

It may be tempting to designate a specific use for your donation to Mansfield, but this may limit the University's ability to respond to current priorities. Donations that are restricted to a specific program or purpose, or that come with many strings attached can sometimes hinder flexibility and alter the way the University provides services. For example, if the criteria for a scholarship endowment includes many restrictions such as: student must be from Wayne County, in the top 3% of their graduating class and enrolled as a freshmen in the Social Work program, it may be difficult or even impossible to find an incoming student who meets the criteria. Sam, Larry and Stephanie may all have excelled academically, meet the top 3% requirement, and be enrolled in the Social Work program. But they are not from Wayne County. Unfortunately, the scholarship money could not be awarded to any of these deserving students.

"Unrestricted gifts permit us to take advantage of unexpected opportunities and meet necessary challenges in a timely manner," Mansfield University Foundation President Larry Mansfield, '83 said. "Donors who give us the resources to respond decisively in such instances will help Mansfield University in ways that can only be imagined today."

At Mansfield University, some unrestricted gifts are used to fulfill urgent needs that arise quickly, while others are used to strengthen ongoing student or faculty programs. All serve to advance the University's educational mission. Unrestricted funds pay for student projects, scholarships for students, faculty support for research and course development, funding for student organizations and publications, support for student and faculty participation in scholarly conferences, equipment and software purchases, and library acquisitions.

For more information on unrestricted giving or to make a gift to Mansfield University please call (570)662-4294.

Calling Higher Ed Alumni

In an effort to connect Mansfield alumni who are working in higher education, Krista Tyner, a 2004 graduate of MU, has created The MU Alumni Group of Higher Education Professionals.

Currently, the group has almost 20 members and wishes to invite all MU alumni and friends who presently work or have worked in higher education to join.

The purpose of the group is to provide alumni and friends of the university an opportunity to network with peers working in all divisions of higher education. The group also hopes to develop a mentor program for current MU students considering a career in higher education and for young professionals in the field looking to enhance their experiences.

Currently, the group communicates primarily through telephone, email, and a Yahoo message board that provides a venue to discuss current events, job postings, and other topics relating to higher education. In the future, the group hopes to meet on campus during Alumni and/or Homecoming Weekends.

If you are a current MU student considering higher education or a seasoned professional, please contact Krista Tyner at ktyner8@yahoo.com or call (716) 432-0361 to join!

Heinle Named Director of Leadership Institute



Dennis Heinle

Dennis Heinle, former chief learning officer at Sovereign Bank, was named director of the newly created Leadership Institute at Mansfield University in September.

The Leadership Institute will forge community and corporate partnerships to expand opportunities for leadership development for faculty, staff, and students.

In making the announcement of Heinle's appointment, MU President Maravene Loeschke said, "Developing tomorrow's leaders is more than a slogan here at Mansfield, and Dennis

Heinle will be a tremendous asset in continuing to put our philosophy into action. At Sovereign Bank he planned and directed a nationally recognized leadership development program. Prior to that he was the president of Capstone Corporate Leadership Development in York, PA."

Heinle holds a B.S. in Business Management and an M.B.A. from the University of Baltimore. He began his position at Mansfield University on September 17.

Browning Appointed

FIVE OTHERS REAPPOINTED TO MU COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES

Thomas A. Browning of Peckville, PA has been named to Mansfield University's Council of Trustees. He is a 1975 Mansfield graduate, earning a B.S. in Elementary Education.

Browning serves as chief of staff for Pennsylvania State Senator Robert J. Mellow (D-22nd District). Before being named to his current position in 1988, Browning served as an executive assistant and legislative assistant to Mellow.

Five members have been reappointed to the Council of Trustees.

Lewis B. Lee of Thompson, PA was reappointed to his fifth term. Lee, a 1962 Mansfield graduate, is retired as the executive director of the State Division, Pennsylvania Economic League, Inc.

Craig G. Litchfield of Wellsboro, PA was reappointed to his second term. A 1976 Mansfield graduate, Litchfield is chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Citizens & Northern Bank and Citizens & Northern Corp.

Ada Mae Saxton of Harrisburg, PA was reappointed to her third term. Saxton is a 1953 Mansfield graduate and the retired chief executive officer of Saxton Air Systems, Inc.

Howard J. Smith Jr. of Troy, PA is serving his fifth term with his reappointment.

Smith is a financial planner for American Express Financial Advisors.

Carol J. Tama of Blossburg, PA was reappointed to her third term. She is the retired president of Monaghan Transportation Company.

Tessa Bieber is the new MU student trustee. The junior criminal justice major is from Turbotville, PA.

In addition to her responsibilities as a trustee, Bieber is president of the Leo Club, vice president of Colleges Against Cancer, Environmental

Awareness Club secretary, and MU Relay for Life chair. She is active in the Student Government Association and serves as a resident assistant.

All the appointments to the MU Council of Trustees were made by Governor Ed Rendell and approved by the Pennsylvania State Senate.



Tessa Bieber



Tom Browning



Leadership Institute Officially Opens

Campus, student, community, and state leaders gathered at Mansfield University on October 25 to celebrate the opening of the University's new Leadership Institute.

The Institute, under the direction of Dennis Heinle, will forge community and corporate partnerships to provide focused leadership development for faculty, staff and students. The Institute will offer a variety of student internships opportunities for MU students.

"The Leadership Institute will coordinate all leadership activities across the campus," MU President Maravene Loeschke told the gathering. "We will be threading leadership throughout the curriculum as the elements are designed and implemented by faculty. We're looking at the residence hall as labs for leadership training. We will seek partnerships for leadership development with the community, region, and state. We are here to be a model of how effective leadership can be developed and nurtured."

State Senator Roger Madigan told the gathering that "leadership training is important in rural areas. When entrepreneurs get an idea for a business, they need assistance to help them succeed. Mansfield University's Leadership Institute will do that and will be important in the continual development of the entire region."



(L-R) State Senator Roger Madigan, guest speaker Jay Sidhu, MU President Maravene Loeschke and Dennis Heinle, Leadership Institute director, at the opening reception for the new MU Leadership Institute.

"What you're doing is going to influence your future and the future of others," Tioga County Commissioner Erick Coolidge said. "We need examples to show us and guide us and we'll look to the younger generation. We're never too old to learn from others."

Jay Sidhu, CEO of SidhuAdvisors and former chair and CEO of Sovereign Bancorp, was the guest speaker. An internationally recognized speaker on authentic leadership and emotional intelligence, Sidhu talked about elements for success in life and business.

"You must have a dream and a plan to attain it," he said. "Success only comes from being emotionally and spiritually healthy. To be a good leader you must be a good person. You must know yourself. You must exceed expectations in whatever you're doing today. Focus on today because tomorrow has many more opportunities. And you must be a constant lifelong learner and be committed to helping others."

Sidhu also urged students in attendance to travel, learn another language, and to "be passionate about your hobbies. Let's open our brains to limitless learning."

For more on Mansfield University's leadership initiatives, check online at <http://leadership.mansfield.edu/>

"Lost Boy" to Speak

John Dau, one of the "Lost Boys" of the Sudan, will deliver the keynote speech in the Mansfield University Leadership Lecture Series this spring on Thursday, March 27 in Straughn Hall. Dau's speech will follow a showing of the documentary film *God Grew Tired of Us*. The documentary's website notes the film's tremendous impact and provides an overview:

Winner of both the Grand Jury Prize and the Audience Award at the 2006 Sundance Film Festival, *God Grew Tired of Us* explores the indomitable spirit of three "Lost Boys" from the Sudan who leave their homeland, triumph over seemingly insurmountable adversities and move to America, where they build active and fulfilling new lives but remain deeply committed to helping the friends and family they have left behind.

Orphaned by a tumultuous civil war and traveling barefoot across the sub-Saharan desert, Dau, Daniel Abol Pach and Panther Blor were among the 25,000 "Lost Boys," ages 3 to 13, who fled villages, formed surrogate families and sought refuge from famine, disease, wild animals and attacks from rebel soldiers.

"I have seen the documentary and heard him speak," MU President Maravene Loeschke said. "Rarely have I been so moved or learned so much."

The Public Affairs Office of Syracuse University explains that "Dau's 14 year journey led him from his home village in Duk County, Sudan in 1987 to his arrival in Syracuse, NY in 2001. During his journey of more than

1,000 miles and many years in refugee camps, he was one of the older boys who had to lead thousands of younger children in surviving violence and starvation. Since settling in Syracuse he has brought his sister, his mother and his fiancé there from Sudan."



John Dau

While working 60 hours a week as a security guard, Dau completed his Associates Degree at Onondaga Community College. He is pursuing a degree at Syracuse University in the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs.

Dau has also formed two foundations, the Sudanese Lost Boys Foundation of New York, which helps Sudanese youth in Syracuse and throughout the U.S. transition to life in America through educational and counseling programs, and the American Care for Sudan Foundation (ASCF) of New York, which has solicited funds to build and operate the Duk Lost Boys Clinic at Duk Payuel in Southern Sudan.

While at MU, Dau will also be meeting with students and speaking to classes during the day. His public speech and the showing of *God Grew Tired of Us* are free and open to the public.

The time of Dau's appearance was still being finalized at press time. For more information, check online at mansfield.edu

Mansfield University in the National News

MU faculty and administrators are frequently in the national news, often contributing to the public dialogue on important issues. MU's programs and practices make news also. Here are examples:

"Once they crossed the Rhine, they were into the heart of Germany and resistance began to crumble. And so that (Battle of the Bulge) was really the last hurrah in many ways for Hitler." — **Andrew Gaskiewicz**, associate professor of history, narrating a slide show titled "The Ends of Wars" for *The Associated Press* "asap" unit, Oct. 29, 2007. <http://asap.ap.org/stories/1833630.s>

"In the survey of nearly 1000 Pennsylvania residents, 80 percent said more public funds should go to upgrading the state's aging sewage systems, but only 50 percent are willing to pay more each month to fund such improvements. However, the survey also found the more water problems people experience the less they seem bothered by increases in their water rates. **Timothy Madigan**, who led the Mansfield University survey says that puts water and sewage authorities in a difficult position." — "Allegheny Front," Oct. 24, 2007, an environmental radio show aired on WYEP-Pittsburgh; WIUP in Indiana, PA; WPSU in State College; and WFRA in Jamestown, NY.

"When Maravene S. Loeschke became president of Mansfield last year, she started looking for ways to accommodate commuters. This fall the university opened the Commuter Connection: a dormitory wing dedicated to that population. It has a computer lab, two lounges, and seven rooms where students can spend the night. "I don't want them to miss parts of the educational experience that you get when you're on campus full time," **Ms. Loeschke** says. — *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, October 19, 2007, article titled "Commuters Get Their Own Place at Mansfield U."

"Football is returning to Mansfield University, which dropped its Division II program nearly a year ago because of budget constraints. Mansfield, which hosted the first night outdoor football game in 1892, will join the nonscholarship Collegiate Sprint Football League, which is restricted to players weighing less than 172 pounds. Navy, Army, Cornell, Penn and Princeton also have teams in the league. University president **Maravene Loeschke**, who made the announcement Friday, said Mansfield will retain its membership in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference, with 13 other sports." — *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, Oct. 8, 2007.

"This is an old-school weekend at Mansfield University, which is celebrating its distinction as home of the first night outdoor college football game in America. Except there's a twist to this year's anniversary: Mansfield no longer plays football. More than 10 months after the school dropped Division II football, the die-hards at Mansfield are pressing on with Saturday's re-enactment of that first night game in 1892 between Mansfield and Wyoming (Pa.) Seminary. "We aren't changing history for anything," said **Steve McCloskey**, Mansfield's sports information director and the re-enactment's organizer. "It will be the only football in Mansfield this year." — *The Associated Press*, September 29, 2007.

"Testing shows some of the best and brightest young Americans are those who have lived in rural areas. As **Dr. Maravene S. Loeschke**, president of Mansfield University, responded to Lee Iacocca's new book and challenge, Where have all the leaders gone? 'Rural students arrive with many tools they will need to become tomorrow's leaders. They already have a strong work ethic. They come early and stay late. They know how to apply themselves to a task and carry it to completion. Generally, they have superior problem-solving skills and the initiative to work individually to get things done. They take responsibility for their actions. When they work in teams, they understand the need to pull their weight for a collective goal.'" — Actor Chuck Norris in his June 25, 2007 blog about rural America.



Steve McCloskey

Maravene Loeschke

Julia Overton-Healy



Timothy Madigan

Dennis Miller

Scott Thornsley

Andrew Gaskiewicz

"It is very difficult to try to anticipate these types of shootings, given the availability of guns, ammunition and automatic firearms," says **Dr. Scott Thornsley**, associate professor of criminal justice at Mansfield University in Mansfield, Pennsylvania." — June 2007 issues, *Law Enforcement Technology Magazine*, article titled "The Mind of a Shooter."

"Check in with **Dennis Miller**, a communications professional at Mansfield University on his blog at www.higheredmarketingblog.wordpress.com." — May/June, 2007 issue of *CASE Currents*, the magazine of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education.

"Some advocates believe video resumes may make sense in certain fields like broadcasting, marketing and theater — the ones where job seekers are already asked to send in portfolios of past work. Unlike a portfolio, though, a video resume merely shows how one performs in front of a camera. "A resume is really a marketing piece but not necessarily showing the scope of your work," said **Julia Overton-Healy**, director of Mansfield University's career center." — *The Associated Press*, May 1, 2007.

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A Passion for History

“Find something you’re passionate about.”

That’s the advice Randy Roberts gave to MU history students during his visit to campus on October 1. It’s the same advice the 1972 Mansfield graduate gives to his daughters, who started college this year.

“My great hope for them is that they discover something that they’re passionate about,” he said. “I do something that I would almost do for free. I wouldn’t tell anybody in my administration that,” he said with a laugh. “And I’m not proposing that I’m going to do that, but I love what I do. I’ve never written a book for tenure or for promotion. I write because I love to do it. I feel passionate about it. I love what I do.”

Roberts’ passion for history learning and teaching it — led him to graduate from Mansfield in three years. He went on to earn his Ph.D. from Louisiana State University and today is a professor of history at Purdue University. In 2006, he was honored as Indiana Professor of the Year.

He returned to MU as the first speaker in the North Hall Library Visiting Scholar Program, making a presentation entitled “Popular Culture Goes to War: Sports, Hollywood, and Comic Books in World War II”. He also spoke with students at a reception and in several history classes.

A prolific author, Roberts has published 13 books on a wide variety of subjects such as the Pittsburgh Steelers, Jack Dempsey, John Wayne, the Vietnam War and the Alamo. He has also published a number of textbooks. He has appeared in documentaries on The History Channel, ESPN Classic, PBS and the BBC.

“I write about things that interest me,” he said. “I have colleagues who write a book about a subject and then their second book is just about the same subject and then if they do a third book. Sometimes I think that slows you down. To me writing is a process of self-discovery. When I finish a book — every book that I’ve ever written except for one — I don’t have any interest in the subject anymore. I have satisfied my curiosity. If I did another book close to the same subject, I’m not sure I’d discover the same things.”

“I think one of the reasons I have been productive is that I get real excited about the topics and I want to write the story and find out how the story goes. The only thing that I look for is what I am curious about.

What am I interested in? I’m a biographer and a lot of my books have dealt with popular culture: sports, film, that sort of thing. I would never be interested in an athlete who is just an athlete or a movie star who is just a movie star. Somehow the subject has to intersect with what I feel are crucial themes at a particular time.” As an example, he cited John Wayne who starred in movies about World War II, the Cold War, and Vietnam. “He was a lightning rod,” the author said.

Robert’s visit to campus in October was only the second time he had been back since graduating.

“A million things flash back,” he said. “Memories that I didn’t know I had. Places I’ve been, places I’ve lived, and so many people. So many people that I cared about and were nice to me. I went through in three years and I don’t have any bad memories.”

For more on Roberts, visit his Purdue webpage at <http://www.cla.purdue.edu/academic/history/facstaff/Roberts/H-Roberts.htm>.

North Hall Library, in collaboration with the MU faculty, instituted the visiting scholar program, which will bring a scholar with a national reputation to campus each year to give presentation on a subject of interest to the faculty, students and the greater community.



Mansfield University Receives Grant for Québec Initiative

Mansfield University has received a grant from the Québec Ministry of International Relations (MRI) as part of the agency’s Québec Initiative.

The \$19,550 grant will bring a Québec scholar to MU as a visiting professor during the spring 2008 semester.

Hans Carlson will teach two courses, give a presentation as part of the University Lecture Series, and speak to civic groups and other interested audiences around the area and throughout Pennsylvania.

Carlson received his Ph.D. from the University of Maine and his BA and MA from the University of Vermont. His specialties are Canadian History, North American Environmental History and Native American History.

In 2006-2007, Carlson was a visiting scholar in Canadian Studies at Plattsburgh Sate University, NY. He has also taught at the University of Maine and has been a visiting research fellow at the University of Ottawa. In 2002-2003, he was a Fulbright Fellow at the University of Ottawa and a researcher in the Canadian National Archives.

The Québec Initiative was created by the MRI to foster a greater understanding of Québec in the U.S., particularly with regard to Québec’s primary areas of interest. Through the initiative, the MRI also hopes to increase cooperation between Québec and American [See http://www.mri.gouv.qc.ca/usa/en/new_york/education/Funding_ops.asp] institutions.

“Mansfield has a long history of having a vibrant, active Canadian Studies program,” Mansfield Provost Michael Renner said. “We are grateful to the Québec Ministry for awarding this grant to Mansfield in competition with many prestigious universities, and see it as a sign that our program is nationally recognized for its excellence. I’m really looking forward to seeing our students learn from this visiting scholar.”

“This will make Mansfield University the center for Québec studies in the Commonwealth,” Robert Timko, director of Canadian Studies at MU, added. “The Government of Québec has provided Mansfield University with a wonderful opportunity to extend the activities of our Canadian-American Resource Center to surrounding communities. Schools, businesses, professional organizations will be the direct beneficiaries of the Québec Initiative. The visiting scholar provides us with an invaluable resource in learning more about the cultural and economic connections which exist between Québec and our Commonwealth.”

For more information on the MU Canadian Studies program and the Canadian-American Resource Center, check online at <http://www.mansfield.edu/~canadian/>.



From Your Alumni Director

We were pleased to welcome many alumni and friends to campus for our Sesquicentennial Homecoming on October 5th and 6th. Traditional events included the annual golf tournament, Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony, the parade, and the Alumni Tent party. This year's festivities also included a special presentation in the newly updated planetarium, Fun and Games at the Kelchner Fitness Center, a grand finale band festival performance by the Mountie Marching Band, and numerous music concerts. The MU women's soccer team played West Chester to a tie, and a special event posthumously honored John Heaps, one of Mansfield's most successful and revered baseball coaches.

Recent get-togethers

Ken, '48 and Marge, '44 Cole Lee graciously hosted an annual luncheon at the Eagles Mere Country Club on August 1, 2007. The group of more than forty ladies and ten gentlemen enjoyed lunch, reminisced about their college days and learned about current happenings at Mansfield from President Maravene Loeschke. Ruth Phillips Tuttle, '49 was the recipient of the special door prize - a beautiful quilt, handcrafted and donated by Lois Shennen White, '44 of Clarks Summit. Laura Hess, '44 discussed her recent publication "Looking Back on the Road Less Traveled" for which she is donating the proceeds to help fund The Center at Orchard Hill, a spiritual retreat near Millerstown, PA.



Florence Singley Michael, '44, Dorothy Doll Hall, '44 and Lois Shennen White, '44 enjoy reminiscing at the home of Ken, '48 and Marge, '44 Cole Lee in Eagles Mere, PA.



1958 Class committee members: Ellen Judson Foust, Leonard Yaudes, Bill Barto, Barbara Press and Shirley Wilcox Rifle. Not pictured: Jiggs McHale and George Beyer.



Ruth Phillips Tuttle, '49 displays the handcrafted quilt presented as a special door prize during the 2007 luncheon at Eagles Mere Country Club.

MU in DC

I traveled to Washington, DC in early November with President Maravene Loeschke and VP for Advancement Steve Besse. We visited Congressman John Peterson's office and were treated to a guided tour of the Capital. A highlight of the trip was a cake cutting ceremony to celebrate the 232nd birthday of the US Marine Corps, where we met the Commandant, General James T. Conway. We had the privilege to experience a live performance of the US Marine Drum & Bugle Corps under the direction of MU alum Brian Dix '82 (Chief Warrant Officer). MU alumni and friends gathered at Garrett's Tavern in Georgetown on Tuesday, November 13, for an enjoyable evening of food and conversation. Our thanks to Carl Ruck '80 for his assistance in hosting the event. While in DC we also had the opportunity to meet with Dolores Stafford '87. We offer Dolores our congratulations on receiving the 2007 Campus Safety Director of the Year Award. Dolores serves as Chief of Police for George Washington University and was recognized for having made significant improvements in the department since she began her employment there in 1994.



Director of Alumni Relations Denise Berg, Michael Salem, '74, Brain Dix, '82, Adam Yacovissi, '98, and Nancy Conklin, '84 (MU Foundation Accountant) get acquainted during the Georgetown event on November 13.

The Commandant of the US Marine Corps, General James T. Conway, MU President Maravene Loeschke and Director of the US Marine Drum & Bugle Corps, CWO Brian Dix, '82 celebrate the 232nd birthday of the US Marine Corps.



Guests at the Garrett's event in DC included VP for Advancement Steve Besse, Dolores Stafford, '87, President Loeschke, Whitney Roberts, '97, and Carl Ruck, '80. Missing from photo: Tom McMillen.



Alumni from the "Doc" Heaps era gathered for a memorial tribute and alumni game during Homecoming weekend.

Upcoming Events for MU Alumni & Friends in Florida

The 2008 Florida alumni & friends event plans are underway. Mark your calendar and plan to join MU Alumni and Advancement staff as they bring MU news to the Sunshine State.

Tentative schedule of events:

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, SARASOTA

We'll enjoy a lunch in a private dining area at Marina Jack's (2 Marina Plaza).

MONDAY, MARCH 10, NAPLES

A luncheon is scheduled at The Bayside Grille in the second floor private dining room overlooking beautiful Venetian Bay.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, FT. MYERS

Fore! Tony, '73 and Tish, '72 Fiamingo will host a golf outing at Pelican Preserve.

Additional information about the events will be sent to alumni and friends residing in or near these locations and will also be available on the alumni section of the MU website www.mansfield.edu/~alumni.

This year the MU baseball team will be playing in Ft. Pierce on Florida's east coast.

You may contact the alumni office for more information and/or to request that the mailing be sent to you. **MU Alumni Office, 521 North Hall, Mansfield, PA 16933. alumni2@mansfield.edu 570-662-4179 or 570-662-4292**



Alumni Weekend 2008

The Class of 1958 is looking forward to celebrating its 50th anniversary during Alumni Weekend 2008, scheduled for June 12 – 14. In preparation for their Golden Anniversary celebration, class members formed a committee and traveled to campus to begin initial planning. The committee is hopeful that many of their classmates will return to campus for the special weekend and will consider making a contribution to the class gift which will be presented to the university during Saturday's Alumni Weekend luncheon on June 14, 2008.

Please see this page for more information on upcoming events and travel for alumni and friends.

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Alumni & Friends Come Travel With Us ~



The PASSHE Alumni & Friends Travel Program trips are designed to give you the comfort of traveling with a group and the freedom to do things on your own. The special values of travel programs are available to friends, relatives and colleagues — please share the information!

**Australia/New Zealand 16-day Cruise and Land Tour
March 17- April 2, 2008**

Your flight from the US will arrive in Sydney where you'll spend the first four days of your excursion. Once onboard ship you will visit the following locations: Melbourne and Tasmania in Australia and Fiordland National Park, Dunedin, Christchurch and Tauranga in New Zealand before arriving in Auckland for your transfer to the airport. Pricing begins at approximately \$5800 pp (double occupancy) and includes numerous tours, most meals, and private cocktail parties.

**7-night Canada/New England Cruise
June 28 – July 5, 2008**

The ship sets sail from Montreal and cruises on the St. Lawrence River to Quebec City. You'll also visit Charlottetown on Prince Edward Island, and Sydney and Halifax on Nova Scotia, then on to Bar Harbor, Maine with the final destination of Boston, MA. Pricing starts at \$1350 pp (double occupancy) and includes taxes, government fees, and transfers.

**10-night Hawaiian Land and Cruise
August 6 – 17, 2008**

This excursion includes a two-night pre-cruise hotel package on Waikiki in Honolulu, Oahu. You'll board the ship on August 9 and visit Hilo, Hawaii; Kahului, Maui; Kona, Hawaii; Nawiliwili, Kaua'i; and return to Honolulu for your return flight. Pricing starts at \$2400 pp (double occupancy) and includes taxes and government fees, all transfers, and air from Philadelphia, Pittsburgh or Harrisburg.

**12-night Black Sea, Egypt and Holy Lands Cruise
SEPTEMBER 29 – OCTOBER 11, 2008**

Discover the magic of the Mediterranean where more than 25 centuries of history, art, and culture await your exploration. Originating and concluding in Athens, Greece, your ports of call will include: Istanbul, Turkey; Varna, Bulgaria; Odesa, Ukraine; Constanta, Romania; Tel Aviv, Israel; Limassol, Cyprus; and Cairo, Egypt. Pricing starts at \$3450pp (double occupancy) and include cruise, transfers, and round-trip air from Philadelphia. Call for pricing from other cities.

For more information and complete itineraries visit www.alumnivacations.com. For reservations and pricing from alternate cities call 1-800-506-7447.

Cover Story, cont'd

said of the committee's work. "Division II, Division III and playing as an independent were all considered. We explored all the possibilities and came to the conclusion that the sprint format was not only the only affordable solution—it would also provide an opportunity that does not currently exist for Pennsylvania high school football players who want to play college ball."

That opportunity, along with getting the Mountaineers back on the

“This is football. Hard-hitting, fast paced football that is incredibly exciting...”

football field, is what really excited Quashnoc. "In my years as a high school teacher, coach and administrator, I saw many gifted, talented student-athletes who had their football careers end after high school simply because of their size. Now this new opportunity exists for those young men and this program fits into the leadership component President Loeschke has developed."

"From adversity comes opportunity," Gillis added. "The potential opportunity afforded us with sprint football is significant and now its up to us. There is commitment from all levels and we're anxiously awaiting the start of the football season."

Loeschke is quick to praise the efforts of the committee in getting the Mountaineers back on the football field. "Their dedication, leadership and love of their alma mater are the reasons we will celebrate—and we will celebrate—the return of football this fall," she said. "The group worked diligently to identify a football program that the institution can afford to do well and that is in alignment with our size and mission. They turned what was a negative into a positive and for that we all should be grateful."

A League of Their Own

The CSFL is a league currently comprised of Cornell University, the University of Pennsylvania, Princeton University, the United States Military Academy at West Point (Army) and the United States Naval Academy (Navy). Unlike the NCAA Division II level, the CSFL does not allow athletic scholarship for sprint football. However, players would be eligible for academic or need based scholarships that are offered to the general student body.

"Sprint Football represents the best of what intercollegiate athletics is all about, and we are very pleased that Mansfield will be joining the League," Terry Cullen, Cornell head sprint football coach, said. "Our young men are truly playing for the love of the game of football and the love of competition, and they are tremendous leaders of and ambassadors for our universities."

Mansfield will compete as a probationary member of the CSFL for the 2008 and 2009 seasons, allowing the Mountaineers to play a modified schedule with some special considerations granted by the league.

"There is no spring practice in sprint football, but we will be allowed a one-week evaluation period in the spring," McCloskey explained. "This will allow the new coach to assess talent that is already on campus. We are also being allowed to recruit off-campus, which is also something other CSFL schools can't do. The league and its members have been very supportive. They know it's in everyone's best interest that Mansfield be competitive."

Back in Black and Red

Tom Elsasser, MU's all-time winningest football coach, has volunteered to serve as the director of football operations to help get the sprint program off the ground. Elsasser just completed his second tour of duty coaching high school football at Passaic High School in New Jersey.

"At Mansfield, sprint football is our football program and that's exactly how we are going to treat it," Elsasser said. "Come kickoff in September,

we're going to buckle our chinstraps, the band's going to play and the cheerleaders will cheer. I can promise you that our players and our coaches are going to do everything to win every game they play."

"We're offering opportunity, we're offering access," he added. "It's not just football. Our student-athletes will have the opportunity to get on a bus and go to play at West Point and Annapolis—and at Princeton, Cornell and Penn. Our kids will have the opportunity to play against – like themselves – some of the future leaders of this country."

A national search for a full-time coach was underway at press time.

Spreading the Word

Since the announcement was made in October, Steve McCloskey has travelled throughout Pennsylvania and New York, many times joined by Quashnoc and Gillis, meeting with coaches and alumni, speaking at functions, talking to prospective students and parents during campus visitation days, and generally taking every opportunity to educate people about sprint football.

To the alumni and supporters who may resist the transition to sprint football, Gillis asks them to give it a chance. "Any change brings challenges," he said. "Significant change is harder to overcome. As we progress and the season gets closer, we ask them to come out, see it and make that assessment for themselves."

"People hear the word sprint and somehow think it's a different game," McCloskey said. "This is football. Hard-hitting, fast paced football that is incredibly exciting. The old adage of 'It's not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog' applies to sprint football."

In order to illustrate that point, McCloskey organized a bus trip to Ithaca, NY, to watch Cornell play Army in late October. More than 40 people—MU staff, students and supporters—made the trip.

Rich Miller, Mansfield University head basketball coach, was on the bus that night. An All-Patriot League standout as an undergraduate at Bucknell, Miller recalled his own experiences playing against Cornell and Army.

"There's something special about stepping on the field at places like Cornell and Princeton and Army," Miller explained. "It's all about history and tradition and I'm pleased that Mansfield will become a part of that. It will be a unique experience for our players, something they can't get anywhere else in the country."

Also making the trip was Adam Breon, a sophomore from Blossburg, PA, who plans on playing in the fall. "It was interesting and exciting to watch," he said. "I can't wait to play next year at Mansfield. I love football and this gives me a chance to play again."

COLLEGIATE SPRINT FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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SEPTEMBER

20 Princeton University Home (scrimmage)

27 Cornell University Home

OCTOBER

4 University of Pennsylvania Away

31 Cornell University Away

A New Era Begins

After the spring evaluation period identifies potential players already on campus, those players and the new recruits will come together in the fall to begin practice.

The Mountaineers will scrimmage Princeton at Karl Van Norman Field on Saturday, September 20.

The following Saturday, September 27, the rebirth of Mansfield football will be official when the Mountaineers host Cornell.

The band will play, the cheerleaders will cheer, the fans will yell and the players will run, throw and hit as they did for 115 years before this one year.

This one year when Mansfield football was reinvented and a new era in the rich history of Mountaineer football was born.

If ypu want more information about MU’s sprint football program or know of any high school student-athlete who may be interested in playing football at Mansfield, contact Steve McCloskey at: 570-662-4844 or smcclosk@mansfield.edu or contact the Admissions Office at 800-577-6826 or admissns@mansfield.edu

Wright Place, Wright Time

Every commencement day, graduating seniors are reminded that commencement is the end of college life and the beginning of a whole new life. Graduation day 1982 held a slightly different significance for current Mansfield University Professors Leroy and Kathy Wright. It was the day they first met.

To this day, commencement day at Mansfield is a special time for the Wrights. When the couple recently learned that the annual brunch was in danger of being canceled for lack of funding, they stepped up with a pledge of \$1,000 a year to keep the tradition alive for future Mansfield graduates. The Wrights’ philanthropy was truly a gift from the heart.

You see, the couple – he is the chair of the Communication and Theatre Department and she is a professor of dietetics – first encountered each other during their senior brunch.

“Last year (May, 2007) happened to be the 25th anniversary of our meeting so they allowed us to emcee the brunch,” Leroy Wright commented. “So it came full circle,” he added.

Leroy Wright first saw the former Kathy Andrews at the senior brunch in 1982, which also happened to be the final year that the school was called Mansfield State College.

He explained that he had taken seven years off from school before returning to complete the final year of his bachelor’s degree. Kathy had completed her degree in three years and did her student teaching spring, 1982. “So there was only one semester when we were on campus together and we did not have a chance to meet,” Leroy said.

Fate seemed to be working in their favor on that graduation day. It was raining and graduation was held in Decker Gymnasium. As always, all of the graduates were lined up by degree type and last name.

“I was at the beginning of the Bachelor of Science line with the last name of Andrews and he was at the end of the Bachelor of Arts line with the last name of Wright,” Kathy Wright said.

Leroy explained that a mutual friend was speaking with Kathy. He asked to be introduced because he thought she was very attractive.

Later, the two met again at a reception for the graduates, where he finally asked her out. The reception was held at the old Recreation Center, which was located adjacent to Belknap Hall. The space is now a faculty parking lot.

As it turned out, love would have to wait a year. Kathy was starting a job in Harrisburg following graduation and Leroy was heading to graduate school at Murray State in Kentucky. Before they parted ways, he proposed but she declined. They had known each other for about two weeks.

At Murray State, Leroy met a fellow student from the area who had a car. He was able to come back to Pennsylvania to see Kathy a number of times, even though they were separated by hundreds of miles. “So I asked her to marry me again and she said ‘yes’,” he recalled.

They married and headed back to Kentucky together. He started his second year of graduate school and she started her first year of graduate school and her dietetic internship.

After completing their graduate studies, the couple moved to Hastings, Neb. When Kathy got pregnant, the Wrights decided that they should be closer to the child’s grandparents. They considered moving to his mother’s home near Atlanta but chose to live near Kathy’s native town of Wellsboro. They moved to Tioga just before Kathy gave birth in 1990. “We were unpacking the crib the night before our son was born,” Kathy said.

Both of the Wrights got faculty positions at their alma mater. Leroy even found that his old advisor and forensics (competitive speaking) coach, Mike Leiboff, was the chair of the Communication and Theatre Department, a position that Wright took over when Leiboff retired.

The brunch that launched the Wrights’ on their life’s journey as a couple is now held in Manser Hall prior to spring commencement. “It is the last time the faculty get a chance to see the graduating seniors and wish them well,” Kathy Wright said. The entire Mansfield community is grateful to the Wrights for keeping this day and its traditions on our commencement week calendar!



Leroy Wright and Kathy Andrews in 1982. The Wrights at the 2007 MU Employee picnic in July.

HOME
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2007

Alumni, family, and friends returned to Mansfield to celebrate Homecoming 2007 on October 5-7.

Friday featured the Homecoming Golf Tournament and the induction ceremony for the MU Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame Class of 2007 includes Tony Budzik, '92 (basketball), Ed Merritt, '55 (basketball, baseball), Joe Russell, '65 (basketball, track & field), Mike Stewart, '85 (baseball) and Frank Jerald, 1906 (legend category) and is featured on page 12.

Marisa Fronczkiewicz was named Homecoming Queen and Matthew Pilkerton was named Homecoming King at a pep rally in Decker Gymnasium on Friday evening.

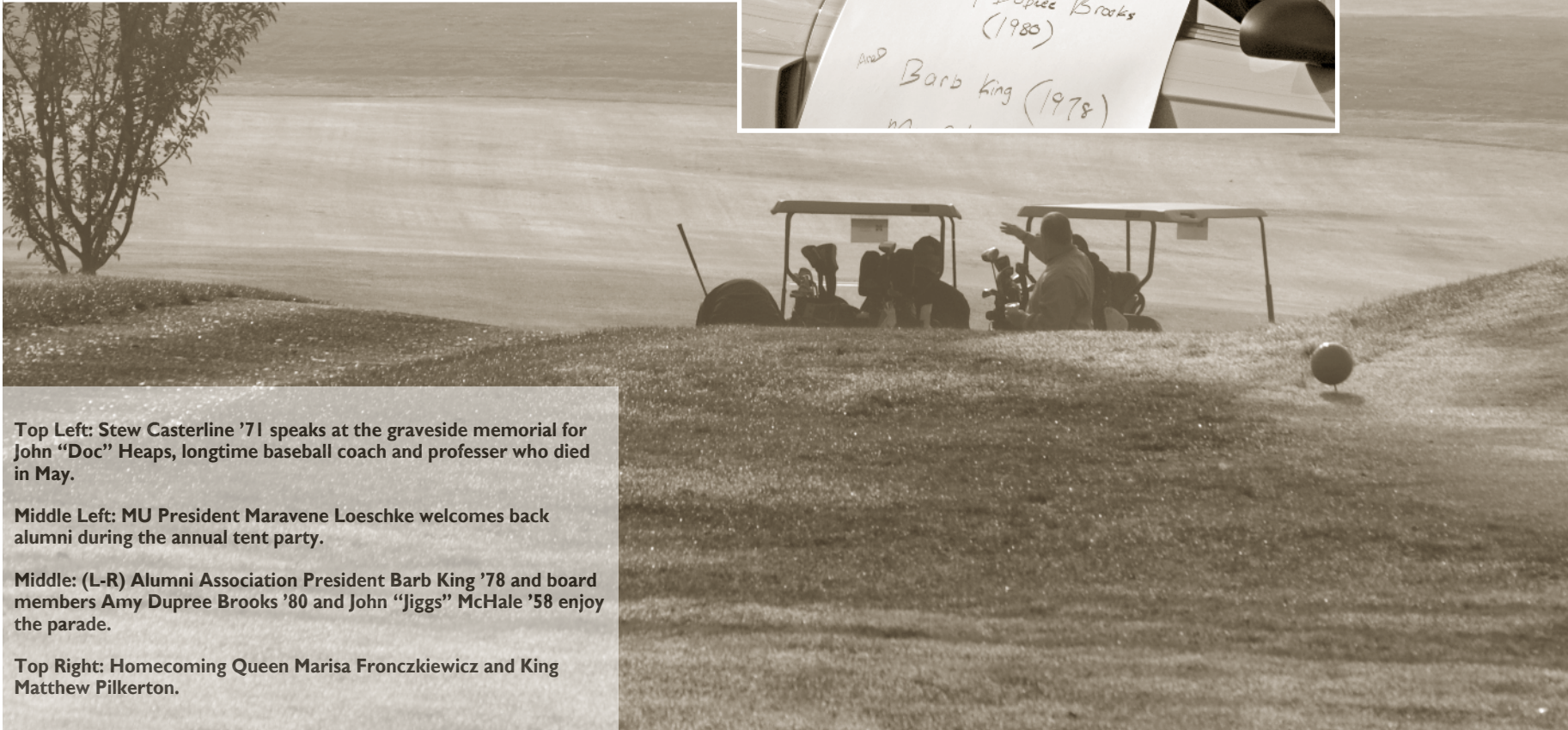
Fronczkiewicz is a junior criminal justice major from Edwardsville, PA. She represented the Criminal Justice Club in the campus wide voting for the title. Fronczkiewicz was escorted by Joshua Herman and Dennis Hosey.

Pilkerton is a senior biology major from McConnellsburg, PA. He represented the Maple Hall Council. Pilkerton was escorted by Lindsey Liniger.

Saturday morning the Homecoming parade made its way up Main Street to the delight of a big crowd lining both sides of the street. Saturday activities also included an alumni tent party, an exciting soccer game with Mansfield women facing off against West Chester, a day of fun and games at the Kelchner Fitness Center, and alumni games in baseball and softball.

There was a special reunion of players of longtime baseball coach and professor John "Doc" Heaps, who passed away in May.

Homecoming participants also enjoyed a planetarium presentation, the Music Department's Prism Concert, and a concert put on by the Student Government Association featuring several current students and alumni.



Top Left: Stew Casterline '71 speaks at the graveside memorial for John "Doc" Heaps, longtime baseball coach and professor who died in May.

Middle Left: MU President Maravene Loeschke welcomes back alumni during the annual tent party.

Middle: (L-R) Alumni Association President Barb King '78 and board members Amy Dupree Brooks '80 and John "Jiggs" McHale '58 enjoy the parade.

Top Right: Homecoming Queen Marisa Fronczkiewicz and King Matthew Pilkerton.

Mansfield Podcast has International Reach

When the PR and IT Departments posted the first Mansfield University podcast on October 18, 2005, they had little idea where it would go.

It quickly went around the world. According to Public Relations Director Dennis Miller, the number of people downloading shows has steadily grown from a handful of listeners to more than 5,500 a week. The shows are being listened to in 20 states and nearly 30 countries around the world. "We're big in China," Miller said. "Our Chinese listenership is as large as our U.S. audience."

"We're attracting new listeners every week," he continued. The podcasting began with The Freshman Show, in which Miller talks to three freshmen weekly to track their progress, their challenges and successes. "It's an unvarnished inside look at the first year college experience," Miller said.

The range of shows quickly expanded to interviews with a large variety of people. "Retired Communication Professor Verne Lapps talks about his friendship with James Earl Jones," Miller said. "He also recorded the New Testament years ago and describes how he prepared for it and how he gave voice to the figures in the New Testament, including Jesus and God. That remains one of our most popular series, showing up in the top 10 downloads every week for nearly two years," Miller explained.

The dialogues with MU President Maravene Loeschke have also attracted a wide listenership. Shows range from updates on campus affairs and the university's leadership brand to fun yet revealing interviews on her favorite things. One of the most popular among the more than 150 MU podcasts is Loeschke's recitation of "The Night Before Christmas" last year, accompanied by the Mansfield University Orchestra.

The podcasts have even brought back the dead. "We discovered a collection of interviews that history professors Paul O'Rourke and Robert Unger conducted in the 1970s and '80s," Miller said. "They're an absolute gold mine of oral history." The PR department digitized the recordings, recorded introductions, and posted them on the MU Sesquicentennial site under "Historical Interviews."

Miller and his students have carried on the oral history tradition by interviewing alumni and retired faculty and staff. These interviews are histories of Mansfield University and the area through the eyes of men and women who contributed to our shared history," Miller said. "Their value can't be overestimated."

To visit the podcast site go to podcast.mansfield.edu
To visit the Historical Interviews go to 150.mansfield.edu



Retired Professor Verne Lapps is interviewed for a podcast.



Karen Guenther



K. Sue Young

Faculty Publications

Two Mansfield University faculty members had books published this fall.

Associate Professor of History Karen Guenther authored *Sports in Pennsylvania* and Professor of Communication and Theatre K. Sue

Young co-wrote *Communicating Nonverbally: A Practical Guide to Presenting Yourself More Effectively*.

Part of the Pennsylvania History Study Series published by the Pennsylvania Historical Association, the Association website provides an overview of *Sports in Pennsylvania*:

Karen Guenther leads readers from pre-colonial contests among Native American tribes to the big business of modern professional sports. From amateur competition, to colleges, to the pros, readers will relive championship seasons and struggles with defeat – and along the way, follow the important role of sports in the social, cultural, and economic life of the Commonwealth. The volume also provides a guide to Pennsylvania sports in the movies, in museums, and at historic sites, giving readers the opportunity to follow their favorite teams beyond the stadiums and playing fields. This concise, authoritative survey serves as a gateway for general readers who wish to explore the rich variety of sporting life in Pennsylvania.

Mansfield, home of the world's first night football game in 1892, is among the Pennsylvania towns featured in the book.

"The nice thing about this book is that it will be the first in the series to have web enhancements," Guenther said. "Through the PHA website, people will have access to a thorough bibliography on Pennsylvania's sports history and to tables that include lists of hall of famers and championship teams. In the future, the website will include lesson plans based on the book to help teachers incorporate Pennsylvania's sports history in their lessons."

Sports in Pennsylvania is 115 pages in length with plentiful illustrations and is available on-line (by printable order form) at <http://www.pa-history.org/pastudyseries.htm>. The price is \$12.95 plus sales tax for Pennsylvania residents. Quantity discounts are available.

Guenther's first book, *Rememb'ring Our Time and Work Is the Lords: The Experiences of Quakers on the Eighteenth-Century Pennsylvania Frontier*, was published last year by Susquehanna University Press.

Communicating Nonverbally: A Practical Guide to Presenting Yourself More Effectively is Young's third book and the second she has co-authored with MU Professor Emeritus Howard Paul Travis. The two were colleagues on the faculty of the Mansfield Communication & Theatre Department until Travis' retirement in 2002.

The book, published by the Waveland Press, provides useful information about nonverbal communication. Through numerous examples and exercises, the authors help the reader recognize the available choices for nonverbal behavior and potential consequences of those choices.

The study of nonverbal communication includes how people send messages through the use of eye contact, facial expression, body movement, body image, time, smell, space, touch, tone of voice, and personal objects. Travis and Young also co-wrote *Oral Communication: Skills, Choices, and Consequences*. Originally published in 2004, the second edition was released earlier this year.

In 1999, Young became the recognized author of *Group Discussion: A Practical Guide to Participation and Leadership* when Julia T. Wood, Gerald M. Phillips, and Douglas J. Pedersen relinquished their rights to the book. It is now in its fourth edition and has also been released in Korean.

Since retiring from MU, Travis has lived in New York City and, when not writing and travelling, is involved in several charities including the League for The Hard of Hearing.

"Writing these textbooks was a nice way to bring closure to my academic career," Travis said. "Sue Young is a terrific co-author. She has great ideas and our battles over how to word phrases and sentences are hilarious. It's nice to work with a fellow writer who enjoys her academic discipline and enjoys sharing ideas with students."

Communicating Nonverbally: A Practical Guide to Presenting Yourself More Effectively is available for \$17.95 through the Waveland Press website at waveland.com and through Amazon.com and other outlets.

Young and Travis have attracted national attention for selling their books at prices lower than the average textbook. In July 2006, Young was interviewed about that topic on National Public Radio (NPR).

"We are committed to creating affordable textbooks that cover course information with modern examples," Young said. "One of the areas we focused on extensively is how nonverbal communication is changing with the increased use of technology in the interpersonal sphere."

Class of 2007

The Mansfield University Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame welcomed Tony Budzik, '92, Ed Merritt, '55, Joe Russell, '65, Mike Stewart, '85 and Frank Jerald, 1906 (legend category) as its newest members during the 25th Annual Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony held during Homecoming Weekend in October.

The five new inductees bring the total number of former Mountaineer athletes, coaches and support personnel in the Hall of Fame to 152.

Tony Budzik was a four-year starter for the Mountaineer men's basketball team from 1989-92. He appeared in 107 games over that span, scoring 1,358 points and ranking fifth on the school's all-time scoring list when he graduated. One of the best pure shooters in school history, Budzik remains the top free throw shooter in Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) history and still ranks in the top ten in MU history in points, assists (489), steals (171), 3-point field goals (168), free throws (363), free throw percentage (87.5%), and games played.

During his senior season in 1991-92, Budzik led the PSAC in assists (159) and free throw percentage (88.3%) while finishing fourth in scoring (15.5 ppg). He was twice named PSAC East Player of the Week that season and earned All-PSAC East First Team honors. Budzik was named to the All-Century Team as part of Mansfield University's basketball centennial celebration in 2000.

Ed Merritt was a standout basketball and baseball player for the Mountaineers from 1953-55. During his career at Mansfield, Merritt earned six varsity letters and excelled in basketball. During his sophomore season Merritt scored a season high 34 points against Lock Haven and averaged 21.2 points per game that year, ranking second in scoring in the PSAC. Merritt served as co-captain his junior season. He was named to the 1950's All-Era Team during the MU Basketball Centennial celebration in 2000.

Joe Russell was one of the keys to Mansfield's success during the "golden age of Mountaineer basketball." A four-year letter winner from

1962-65, Russell was renowned for his athletic ability and his team play. He was a member of some of the most successful teams in school history, including two PSAC Championships and the 1964 Championship team that become the first team in school history to advance to the NAIA National Championship in Kansas City. Russell helped Mansfield return to the NAIA National Championship as a senior in 1965.

On teams loaded with great players, Russell was known as a great performer under pressure. A three year fixture in the starting lineup, Russell averaged 10.8 points and 9.0 rebounds over his final three seasons. He earned All-PSAC honors in 1964 and was named to the 1960's All-Era Team during the Mansfield University Basketball Centennial celebration in 2000. Russell was also a member of Mansfield's first modern era track and field team, competing in numerous events from 1963-65.

Mike Stewart was a three year letter winner in baseball from 1984-86. During his career, Stewart epitomized the term "workhorse" by leading the pitching staff in appearances in each of his three

seasons. One of Mansfield's first true relief pitchers, he held the school career records for appearances (54) and saves (12) when he graduated. He still ranks among the top ten in school history in both categories.

Stewart set a then school record with five saves in 1984 and worked almost exclusively as a reliever for his first two seasons before moving to a starter in 1986. He led the team in wins in '86 with seven and came through to pick up three saves as a reliever.

A native of Richmond Township, **Frank Jerald** was a distinguished member of the offensive line on the 1902,'03 and '04 football teams. He was the star of the 1904 team that included Karl Van Norman and was identified by Van Norman as one of the top players in the first 50 years of Mountaineer football. Jerald went on to become a well-known and respected state forester before a tragic hunting accident ended his life in 1914.



Class of 2007: (L-R) Tony Budzik '92, Mike Stewart '85, Ed Merritt '55 and Joe Russell '65.

Mountaineers All-Americans

Three Mansfield student-athletes earned All-American honors during the fall season.

Chris Cummings, a senior from Mansfield, PA, became the first Mansfield runner to earn All-American honors in cross country, indoor track, and outdoor track with a 31st place finish at the NCAA Division II Cross-Country Championships in Joplin, MO on November 17.

Cummings finished the 10k race with a time of 31:27.2.

In field hockey, Breanne Tobin and Rynanne Higgins were both named to the National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) Division II All-American team.

Tobin, a sophomore from Perkasio, PA earned first team honors. **Higgins**, a senior from Newtown, PA was named to the second team.

Tobin led the team the Mountaineers in goals and points this season with 15 goals and 33 points. She ranked 10 nationally in points per game with 1.83 and was ranked eighth nationally in goals per game with .83.

Higgins was second on the team in goals with 12, tied for the team lead in assists with five and second in points with 29. She ranked 12 nationally with 1.61 points per game with 1.61 and was 13 nationally in goals per game with .67.



Chris Cummings



Rynanne Higgins



Breanne Tobin

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- 14 Spring Semester Begins, 8 a.m.
- 15-3/4 Metal Sculptor John Nihart
University Gallery
- 17 Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration
Alumni Hall, Room 307, noon
- 24 Opening Reception & Artist's Talk
John Nihart, University Gallery, 4 p.m.

February

- 9 Jazz Ensemble, with X-Ray Big Band,
Steadman Theatre, 8 p.m.
- 21-23 Theatre & Music Departments present
1776, Straughn Hall, 8 p.m.
- 24 Theatre & Music Departments present
1776, Straughn Hall, 2 p.m.
- 29 Faculty Wind & Brass Chamber Music
Concert, Steadman Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

March

- 1 Symphonic Band
Steadman Theatre, 3 p.m.
- 18-5/6 Lino-Block Prints by artist
Dianne Castle-Babcock, University Gallery
- 21 The Mansfieldians
Steadman Theatre, 8 p.m.
- 26 Council of Trustees Meeting
North Hall Community Room, 11 a.m.
- 27 Opening Reception & Artist's Talk, Dianne
Castle-Babcock, University Gallery, 4 p.m.
- 27 "God Grew Tired of Us," John Dau,
Straughn Hall. Leadership Lecture Series.
TBA
- 30 Mansfield Brass Quintet, Steadman
Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

April

- 6 Jazz Ensemble Reunion Concert
Steadman Theatre, 3 p.m.
- 7 Percussion Ensemble Concert
Steadman Theatre, 8 p.m.
- 12 Festival Chorus, Handel's Messiah
Steadman Theatre, 8 p.m.
- 13 Festival Chorus Concert, Handel's Messiah,
Corning (NY) Glass Museum, 3 p.m.
- 19 Concert Wind Ensemble
Steadman Theatre, 8 p.m.
- 20 Symphony Orchestr
Steadman Theatre, 3 p.m.
- 24-25 Jazz Festival, Steadman Theatre
- 26 Concert Choir
Steadman Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
- 27 Symphonic Band
Steadman Theatre, 3 p.m.
- 29 Guitar Ensemble Concert
Steadman Theatre, 8 p.m.

May

- 10 Commencement
Van Norman Field, 11 a.m.
- 28 Council of Trustees Meeting
North Hall Community Room, 4 p.m.

June

- 12-15 Alumni Weekend

September

- 26-27 Fabulous 1890s Weekend
- 27 Parents & Family Day

October

- 3-5 Homecoming

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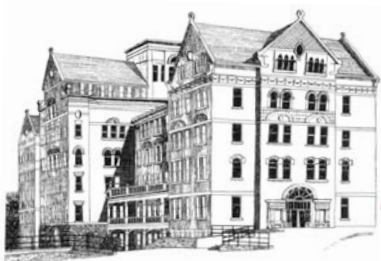
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Profiles in Leadership

lead•er•ship

noun

- 1 : the position or function of a leader
- 2 : ability to lead
- 3 : an act or instance of leading;
- 4 : guidance; direction
- 5 : the leaders of a group

Making Time to Make a Difference

As she prepared for the last semester before earning her Communication degree this May, Sharon Thomas didn't see any time in her busy schedule that would allow her to take on another commitment.

But in early January a call from Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell changed that.



Sharon Thomas

Thomas quickly accepted Rendell's invitation to serve as student commissioner on The Governor's Advisory Commission on African American Affairs in Pennsylvania. Thomas, a Harrisburg, PA native, is the first student appointed to the Commission in ten years.

"I'm humbled and it still hasn't really hit me," Thomas said after accepting the

appointment. "I'm really focused on what I need to do for the Commission and for the community and for the state as a whole, especially the students. Our voice isn't always being heard so I'll ask students what their concerns are." Thomas noted that "most of the other commissioners own businesses or work in government, so I want to give them a different perspective."

According to its website, the Commission's functions include advising the Governor on policies, procedures, legislation, and regulations which affect the African American community. The Commission also assists local African American community groups in developing strategies and programs that will expand and enhance the social, cultural, and economic status of the African American community.

For more information on the Commission, check online at www.africanam.state.pa.us

Thomas was recommended to the Commission by Warren Anderson, director of the Benjamin Wiley Partnership

Programs at the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE), where she completed an internship last summer.

"I have never met a student who was more dedicated to making a difference than Sharon," Anderson said. "Her dependability, professionalism, and commitment are the other reasons. I witnessed these traits in Sharon from the first day of her internship in my office. But mostly I recommended her because I knew that she will represent herself and the entire State System extremely well. The Commission is fortunate to have her as a member."

At MU, Thomas has been actively involved in the Mountaineer Leadership Program. She has also served as an ACT 101 peer counselor and advisory board member, as a peer counselor of the TRIO program, as parliamentarian for the Black Students Union, as choreographer for the cultural dance team, as Communication Department student representative, and as a writer for The Flashlight

"I consider myself a leader," she said. "I think anytime you're in a spotlight or in a position when people are watching you, you have to consider yourself to be a leader. When people are looking up to you to guide them in a certain direction, that's when you become a leader. I also don't think you have to have a title, like CEO or president. Being responsible for yourself and for the decisions that you make. Trying to improve your disposition and your strengths. That makes you a leader."

Hitting the High Note in Leadership

"It's extremely rewarding from the art side and from the people side and it's what gets me up in the morning."

Whether it's teaching a class, giving a lesson, or conducting one of many ensembles, Peggy Dettwiler brings passion to every venue.



Peggy Dettwiler

A member of the Mansfield music faculty since 1990, Dettwiler's title is director of Choral Activities. She conducts the Concert Choir, Festival Chorus and The Mansfieldians. She also teaches choral conducting and methods. Community and professional contributions also claim a share of Dettwiler's busy schedule. She serves as artistic director of the Williamsport Chamber

Choir, guest conducts high school choirs, and is in demand as a clinician and lecturer.

"In my profession, a conductor is a leader," she said. "I recently heard someone say that if you expect the best



Tom McMillen

Tom McMillen to Speak at Commencement

Tom McMillen, a favorite son of Mansfield, will return home to be the speaker at Mansfield University's 143rd Commencement on Saturday, May 10, at 11 a.m. at Karl Van Norman Field.

McMillen has had a highly diversified and successful career in the fields of sports, business, and politics. He served in the U.S. House of Representatives from the Fourth Congressional District of Maryland from 1987 to 1993. He was named by President Bill Clinton to co-chair the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports in 1993, serving until December 1997. McMillen actually began his involvement with the Council in 1970 when he was selected by President Richard Nixon to become the youngest member of the Council while still a student at the University of Maryland.

A graduate of Mansfield High School, he led the basketball team to a championship in 1969. While attending the University of Maryland, he was a three-time All-American in basketball, an academic All-American, and a member of the 1972 Olympic Team. He was valedictorian of his graduating class at Maryland and is the only University of Maryland student to be named a Rhodes Scholar. He received a Master of Arts in politics, philosophy and economics from Oxford University in 1978.

In the 1974 NBA draft, McMillen was selected in the first round by the Buffalo Braves. He played 11 seasons in the NBA before retiring to run for Congress.

In Congress, McMillen served on the Banking, Finance and Urban

Affairs Committee, the Energy and Commerce Committee and the Science, Space and Technology Committee. He was unanimously elected president of the Democratic freshman class of the 100th Congress.

In 1992, McMillen co-authored *Out of Bounds: How the American Sport Establishment Is Being Driven by Greed Hypocrisy-And What Needs to Be Done About It* with Paul Coggins.

From 1991-2003, he served on the Knight Foundation's Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics investigating abuses within college sports.

In 2003, McMillen founded and served as chief executive officer of GlobalSecure Corp., a consolidator of first responder companies.

During his career, McMillen has been an active investor, principal, and board member in companies in a number of industries, including cellular telephone, paging, health care, motorcycle, environmental technology, real estate and insurance.

Currently, McMillen serves as vice-chairman of Fortress International Group, as CEO/President of Homeland Security Capital Corp, and as Chairman of Washington Capital Advisors, LLC.. He is also chairman and co-chief executive officer of Secure America Acquisition Corp, a homeland security special purpose acquisition corporation.

McMillen serves as a member of the University of Maryland System Board of Regents (BOR), a member of the Board of Visitors of the University of Maryland College Park School of Public Affairs, the newly-formed BOR Workgroup on Campus Safety and Security, and as a member of the executive board of the University of Maryland College Park Center for American Politics and Citizenship. McMillen is also chair of the University of Oxford U.S. Sports Campaign Committee.

Chinese Delegation Visits Campus

Representatives of five Chinese universities and officials from the organization that governs their student exchange programs visited Mansfield University on November 30.

The visit is the latest step in MU's inclusion in the Sino-American 1-2-1 Joint Degree Program, which will bring up to 15 Chinese exchange students to Mansfield in the fall of 2008. Officials expect that number to increase in future years.

"It's important for our students to understand the global society and to have students from other cultures sitting next to them in class so that they can learn to interact effectively," MU Provost Michael Renner said. "Mansfield's participation in opportunities for student exchange like the 1-2-1 program is a big part of that."

Established by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) and the China Center for International Education Exchange (CCIEE), the 1-2-1 program allows Chinese students to spend their first year of college at a university in their homeland, the next two years at Mansfield, and then return to China for their senior year. MU is one of only 16 universities and colleges in the U.S. to be part of the program.

"There were a huge number of universities who wanted to be part of this," Renner said. "It is a mark of Mansfield's quality that we have been selected to participate in this program."

The Chinese delegation spent the morning and early afternoon meeting with members of the MU administration, faculty, and staff and touring the Mansfield campus.

"We see this program as a bridge to bring two peoples together, two faculties, and our students," Wu Zaofeng, deputy secretary general of the China Education for International Exchange, said. "We look forward to the cooperation between our universities and your university."



The delegation from Chinese Universities and their MU guides pause during the campus tour for a photo in front of North Hall.

At the closing luncheon for the visit, Mansfield Mayor Tom Wierbowski, an MU graduate, declared November 30 as "an official day of international scholastic cooperation between the esteemed international representatives of the Peoples Republic of China and Mansfield University of Pennsylvania."

In addition to the 1-2-1 exchange program, Mansfield officials are moving forward with plans for exchange programs that would provide summer study opportunities for MU students in China.

Developing Faculty Leaders and Teacher Leaders

The Endless Mountains Writing Project (EMWP) is a national program funded by the National Writing Project. Mansfield University has hosted this grant-funded program for three years and the program has grown in scope each year.

The primary program component is an intensive, by invitation only, Summer Institute that focuses on three related activities: (1) teachers refining and demonstrating their most successful method for using writing in their teaching; (2) reading and discussion of current theory and research in the teaching of writing and thinking; (3) practice in writing. The program prepares teachers to serve as curriculum leaders who provide professional development for their colleagues through in-service training and other programs.

Nanci Werner-Burke is an associate professor of education at Mansfield and instituted the program, along with Richard Heyler, a writing teacher with Athens (PA) School District.

Werner-Burke has shown leadership in reaching out to regional teachers with this exceptional professional and leadership development opportunity. When asked about the success and growth of the program, she said, "With support from the university and our regional public schools, our program has truly blossomed. We have greatly expanded our professional development offerings and community service efforts. School districts send their best teachers to our Summer Institute and these teachers in turn provide professional development for the regional schools. Many of them go on to present at state and national conferences, where they share the good work they do in our area schools with the rest of their profession. In addition, some assist with school-based projects. In the Southern Tioga School District we are currently offering a series of after-school writing based workshops for teachers at Warren L. Miller Elementary School, with an eye toward using writing as a tool for learning and thinking in science. We've just started that project, Educators Unleashing Research, Experience, Knowledge and Application (EUREKA), and it has already generated positive feedback."

Andrew Wales and Bobbi Button are Fellows of the Endless Mountains Wring Project and describe the difference it has made in their lives as teacher leaders. "I've been an art teacher for 20 years, and I've always been interested in integrating art with writing," Wales said. "Specifically, I am interested in the potential of comics to correlate reading with drawing and writing. Being part of the EMWP has helped me learn the best possible way to approach and develop that interest. As a teacher, I have participated in numerous activities that were labeled as professional development, but the EMWP has been by far the most beneficial professional development I have ever participated in. For one thing, the directors of EMWP, Dick Heyler and



Guest speaker Jolene Borgese talks with participants during the 2006 EMWP Summer Institute.

Nanci Werner-Burke, treat you like a professional. In fact, they encourage us to think of ourselves not just as teachers, but as teacher/researchers and presenters to fellow professionals. They encourage us to develop pieces of professional writing to submit to educational journals and other periodicals. We have developed presentations and practiced presenting them to one another. Hearing our classmates' presentations gives us a wealth of resources to take back to our classrooms, and presenting our own work gives us confidence to present at inservice programs and at educator conferences both at the state and national level."

Both Fellows agree that this has strongly influenced their professional growth and development as teacher leaders. "The research I began when I was part of EMWP snowballed into my master's thesis," Wales said. "I presented it at the Keystone State Reading Conference and at the encouragement of Nanci, wrote a proposal to present it at the National Conference of Teachers of English. They accepted my proposal, and because EMWP was able to help with expenses, I attended the conference in New York City. In addition to sharing my research with many other teachers at the Conference, I attended numerous workshops that helped me grow as a teacher. As I began to write about these experiences on my blog, I got a call from out of the blue from the Norman Rockwell Museum of Art. They asked me to come and share details about my project at their Educator's Symposium, all expenses paid. These are the kinds of things that have happened because of Nanci and Dick's encouragement to think of ourselves as educational leaders. "

"I've presented on the local, state, and national level," Button added. "Each conference/presentation brings me in direct contact with other professionals. Thus, I have a never ending supply of classroom ideas. Without EMWP, I probably wouldn't have attended a conference for years, if ever. Now, I actually look forward to attending and presenting."

This Summer the EMWP will be offering an Advanced Institute for people from anywhere in the country who have already completed a Summer Institute. For more information on the Endless Mountains Writing Project visit their website at <http://endlessmountainswp.org/>.

GRAPHIC DESIGN Degree Program Added

Responding to the desires of students and the needs of area employers, Mansfield University will begin offering a Bachelor of Science degree program in graphic design in the fall of 2008.

The new program received the approval of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) Board of Governors on January 10.

"We're very excited that we are able to offer this new BS program in graphic design and proud that the Board of Governors would make this statement of confidence in the quality of Mansfield's programs," Provost Michael Renner said.

The MU program will prepare graduates for careers in the growing field of graphic design. Research has shown that there is significant demand for skilled graphic designers in the Northern Tier and in the Southern Tier of New York.

The program will be interdisciplinary in nature, combining coursework from several departments and disciplines, including art, broadcasting, journalism, business, and computer science. It will include training in studio art, principles of design, computerized design, and marketing and business.

Students will focus on print-based design found in magazines and other publications or electronic design used in television, the Web and other motion-capable communications media.

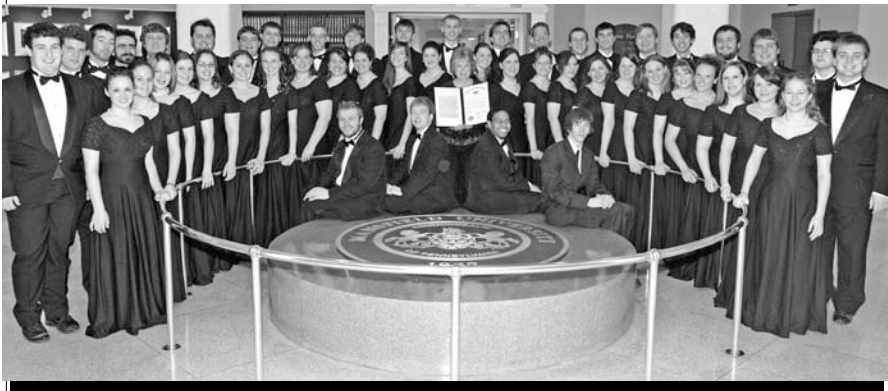
"The new program will prepare students for a broad variety of careers, including web design, media design, print and television advertising, illustration, and other fields where there are great job opportunities and high demand," Renner said. "It's a good fit with a public liberal arts college, and adds a nice complement to the performing arts programs for which Mansfield is so well known."

The new program went through Mansfield's academic planning process, receiving a strong endorsement from the University Senate and the approval of the University's Council of Trustees.

"The timing is perfect," Renner added. "We're about to start construction on a new building that will house the Art and Communication programs that jointly designed this program. The new building will house the faculty, several art studios, and new state-of-the-art television and radio studios. All in all, it's a wonderful boost to our programs."

Construction of the new Allen Hall is scheduled to begin this fall.

For more information on the new graphic design program, contact the MU Admissions Department at (800)577-6826 or admissns@mansfield.edu



ALUMNI

WEEKEND

JUNE 12-14

2008

Mark your calendar and plan to join us on campus June 12 through 14, 2008. Alumni Weekend is always a special time for alumni and friends to return to campus and this year is no exception, as the festivities will be infused with music!

We extend a special welcome to those with class years ending in 8 and 3. Honored guests will include the Class of 1958, Society of Honors inductees, and retired faculty. There's a full schedule of activities planned with plenty of opportunities for you to renew acquaintances, rediscover your old haunts, and see what's new and exciting here at Mansfield. A musical highlight of the weekend will be a special performance by the MU Concert Choir as they prepare to compete in the World Choral Olympics in Graz, Austria!

SPECIAL EVENTS

Thursday, June 12

Arriving on Thursday? Join us for an Italian-themed evening in the North dining room of Manser Hall. There will be Carontowans, Passwords, and photos on hand, and we invite you to share your Mansfield stories and memorabilia as we are serenaded with the beautiful tableside violin music of Numa Snyder '42.

Friday, June 13

Our annual **Alumni Golf Tournament** will be held at the Corey Creek Golf Club with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. In addition to providing a great day of golf, the Tournament raises dollars to fund athletic scholarships for Mansfield University students. Team up with your friends in a foursome or contact us and we'll arrange a foursome for you. The entry fee covers all fees, most contests, (duffers, skins and mulligans) and includes lunch. Additional contests may be available on game day. The "Kappa" challenge continues.... For more information contact Roger Maisner at rmaisner@mansfield.edu or 570-662-4636 or Kris Decker at kdecke@mansfield.edu or 570-662-4466.

Spending Friday on campus? Join **Professor Mike Vayansky** in the morning in the newly updated **planetarium** as he demonstrates the state-of-the-art digital projection system with full dome features and astounding star fields. During the afternoon, **Dr. Nate Rinnert**, Asst. Director of Bands, will present an **interactive discussion on The History of Bands at Mansfield**. If you were part of the music program at Mansfield or just want to learn more, don't miss this opportunity! There will be student-hosted tours of North Hall throughout the day and you'll want to save some time for shopping at the Campus Bookstore in Alumni Hall.

Lobsterfest! The tradition continues... Join us for a delicious feast of lobster, shrimp, and London broil. Sit back, relax, and savor the delicious food and the wonderful company. Following dinner, you'll find it hard to keep your toes from tapping when **Joe Cavallaro's Dixieland Jazz Band** strikes up the tunes. Bring your dancing shoes...

Saturday, June 14

Following the **Class Meetings** and **Class Photos**, we'll be honoring class years ending in 8 and 3 at Saturday's Luncheon. Reunion classes will be seated together and there will be special recognition for the Class of 1958, retired faculty, and the newest members of the **Alumni Society of Honors**. Following lunch, there will be student-hosted **tours of North Hall, guided bus tours of campus**, and the annual **Ice Cream Social**, which will feature the harmony of **"The Mansfieldians."**

Be prepared to enjoy the Fifth Annual Campus Place Tennis Ball Race – a FUNdraising (spectator) event to benefit the MU Women's Soccer Team! Contact Coach Tim Dempsey for more information at tdempsey@mansfield.edu or 570-662-4454.

Saturday evening's meal will feature the delicious cuisine of Austria. Following dinner we'll be treated to a special performance by the **MU Concert Choir** under the direction of **Dr. Peggy Dettwiler**, director of choral activities. The choir will be competing at the World Choral Olympics in Graz, Austria in July. We've invited members of the choir to join us after the concert for traditional **Austrian desserts** and coffee. Let's show them our support and send them off with a warm "Mansfield, Hail!"



Schedule of Events

THURSDAY, JUNE 12

- 3 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- EARLY ARRIVAL REGISTRATION**, Laurel B Residence Hall
Registration packet will include name badge, confirmation for all pre-paid meals & events, listing of all registered attendees, campus map, any updates or changes to schedule.
- 4 p.m.
- "REFLECTING ON TOMORROW,"** planned giving seminar, Location TBA
- 6:30 p.m.
- ITALIAN-THEMED BUFFET**, North Dining, Manser Hall.
We'll supply the Carontowans, Passwords and photos - You supply the stories!

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

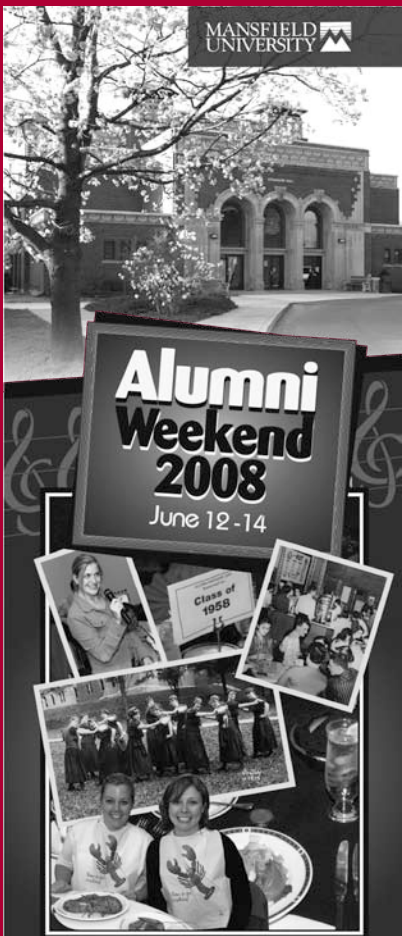
- 7:30 a.m. – 9 a.m.
- CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**, Laurel Lounge. Residence Hall guests.
- 8 a.m. – 10 p.m.
- REGISTRATION**, Laurel
- 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- NORTH HALL OPEN**. Hosted tours throughout the day.
- 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- CAMPUS BOOKSTORE OPEN**, Alumni Hall Student Center
- 8 a.m.
- GOLF TOURNAMENT**, Corey Creek Golf Club
Shotgun start at 8:30 a.m.
- 10:30 a.m.
- PLANETARIUM PRESENTATION**, Grant Science (Approx. one hour)
- 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- JAZZMAN'S OPEN FOR LUNCH**, Alumni Hall
- 2 p.m.
- "HISTORY OF BANDS AT MANSFIELD"** interactive presentation, 317 Alumni Hall
- 6:30 p.m.
- LOBSTER & LONDON BROIL FEST**, Main dining room, Manser Hall
- 8 – 10:30 p.m.
- JOE CAVALLARO'S DIXIELAND JAZZ BAND**, Main dining room, Manser Hall. Light refreshments.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

- 7:30 – 9: 30 a.m.
- CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**, Laurel Lounge.
Residence Hall Guests
- 8 – 10:30 a.m.
- ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
- 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- CAMPUS BOOKSTORE OPEN**, Alumni Hall Student Center
- 9:30 – 10 a.m.
- REGISTRATION AND CLASS RECEPTION**
North Hall. Coffee and pastries
- 10 – 11:30 a.m.
- CLASS MEETINGS & CLASS PHOTOS**, North Hall
A special planning meeting for the Class of 1959; hosted by Larry Biddle. Class of 1958 will meet in 307 Alumni Hall
- Noon – 2:15 p.m
- ALUMNI WEEKEND LUNCHEON**, North Dining, Manser Hall
Honoring reunion classes, Society of Honors, and retired faculty.
- 2:30 & 3:30 p.m.
- GUIDED BUS TOUR OF CAMPUS**
- 2:30 & 3:30 p.m.
- GUIDED TOUR OF NORTH HALL**
Tours of "new" South Hall may be available. Check schedule upon arrival.
- 3:30 – 5 p.m.
- ICE CREAM SOCIAL**, Student Mall
- 4:45 p.m.
- CAMPUS PLACE TENNIS BALL RACE**, adjacent to Student Mall
- 6:30 p.m.
- DINNER FEATURING AUSTRIAN CUISINE**, North Dining, Manser Hall
- 8:30 p.m.
- MU CONCERT CHOIR**, Steadman Theatre, Butler Music Center
- 9:45 p.m.
- DESSERT BUFFET** featuring traditional Austrian desserts. Butler Music Center

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

- 7:30 – 9:30 a.m.
- CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**, Laurel Lounge.
Residence Hall Guests
- 8 – 10 a.m.
- RESIDENCE HALL CHECKOUT**



Off-Campus Accommodations:

Make your reservations early!
The Comfort Inn of Mansfield is offering a discounted rate for MU alumni on a first-come, first-served basis. You must identify yourself as a Mansfield Alum to receive the discount.

Mansfield
Comfort Inn
800-822-5470 www.choicehotels.com
Crossroads B&B
800-661-3581 www.crossroadsbbs.com
Mansfield Inn
800-918-8333 mansfield-inn.tripod.com
Oasis
570-659-5576
Star Crest
570-659-5828
West's
800-995-9378 www.westsdeluxe.com

Blossburg
Mountain Laurel B&B
570-638-0328
www.mountainlaurelandb.com

Troy
Golden Oak Inn B&B
570-297-4315
Holcombe House B&B
570-297-2460
Troy Motel
570-297-2145

Wellsboro
Arvgarden B&B
570-724-4337
Bear Mountain B&B
570-724-2428
www.bearmountainbb.com
Canyon Motel
1-800-255-2718
www.canyonmotel.com
La Belle Auberge B&B
866-250-8117
www.nellsinns.com
100 West B&B
570-724-6631
www.100westbnb.com
Penn Wells Hotel & Lodge
800-545-2446
www.pennwells.com
Sherwood Motel
800-626-5802
www.sherwoodmotel.org

Registration

Please complete this form and return with payment by Friday, June 6, 2008.

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Maiden Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State/Zip _____ Phone _____
Cell _____ E-mail _____ Class Year _____
Please list who will be arriving with you and their class year if Mansfield Alum: _____
Please indicate if you require handicapped parking: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Events

Please indicate the events you will be attending:

THURSDAY, JUNE 12

4 p.m. **Planned Giving Seminar**#_____ attending, no charge = \$ _____
6:30 p.m. **Italian Buffet Dinner**.....#_____ of reservations x \$18/pp = \$ _____

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

8 a.m. **Golf Tournament**, Corey Creek Golf Club#_____ of reservations x \$ _____ = \$ _____
Price includes lunch, most contests and all fees.
\$100 pp/non-member \$85 pp/member Corey Creek Golf Club
2 p.m. History of Bands at Mansfield#_____ attending, no charge = \$ NC _____
6:30 p.m. **Lobster/London Broil Picnic**
Lobster, London Broil & shrimp#_____ of reservations x \$35/pp = \$ _____
OR
London Broil & shrimp # of reservations#_____ x \$20/pp = \$ _____

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

9:30 a.m. **Class Reception, Meeting & Photos**#_____ attending, no charge = \$ NC _____
Noon **Alumni Weekend Luncheon**
This luncheon honors the Class of 1958, Society of Honors recipients, and retired faculty.
There is no charge for these honorees or for Classes of 1953, 1948, 1943, 1938, 1933, and 1928, but registration is required.#_____ of reservations x \$15/pp = \$ _____
3:30 p.m. **Ice Cream Social**#_____ attending x no charge = \$ NC _____
6:30 p.m. **Austrian-theme Dinner**
featuring Wiener Schnitzel (prepared with turkey)#_____ of reservations
Prefer a vegetarian entrée#_____ of reservations x \$20/pp = \$ _____
8:30 p.m. **Concert Choir**#_____ attending x no charge = \$ NC _____
9:45 p.m. **Dessert Buffet** featuring traditional Austrian desserts#_____ attending x no charge = \$ NC _____

On-Campus Housing in Laurel Residence Hall: Room fee is \$40 per person (regardless of the number of nights) and includes light continental breakfast. **Linen fee is \$10 per set** and includes sheets, blanket, pillow and towel. **Please note:** Laurel is neither air-conditioned nor heated in June. You may want to bring: blanket and/or fan, wash cloth, additional towel(s), alarm clock, clothing hangers.

☐ I/we will stay in Laurel and bring my own linens #_____ people x \$40 pp = \$ _____
☐ I/we will stay in Laurel and need linens #_____ people x \$50 pp = \$ _____

Grand Total \$ _____

Arrival: I/we will be arriving at approximately _____ (time) on _____ (date)
Departure: I/we will be departing at approximately _____ (time) on _____ (date)

Questions? Call 570-662-4390

Complete form and return with payment by June 6 to:
**Alumni Office, 516 North Hall
Mansfield University, Mansfield, PA 16933**

☐ Check enclosed payable to: MUF, Inc. – Alumni Weekend
☐ Please bill my credit card: ☐ MC ☐ VISA

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____
Signature _____

Directions from Route 15:

Take Route 6 Exit to Mansfield. Turn left and travel east on Route 6. Proceed straight through traffic light; proceed 2 blocks, turn right onto South Academy Street. Proceed one full block; turn left onto College Place. Laurel residence hall will be on the right. You can park (temporarily) along the curb while you register. You'll receive a campus map in your registration packet along with information regarding parking. (Manser Dining, Alumni Hall, North Hall and the president's home are to the left/north of College Place.)

When you arrive, please go directly to registration:
**Thursday & Friday – Laurel lobby
Saturday – North Hall**

**** Emergency ****
If someone must reach you during Alumni Weekend call **Mansfield University Police (570) 662-4900.**

Alumni Weekend 2008



From Your Alumni Director

Alumni Weekend 2008

I hope your summer travel plans will include a trip to Mansfield for all the special festivities planned for Alumni Weekend 2008 scheduled for Thursday, June 12 through Sunday, June

15. Music has been an integral part of Mansfield since the doors were first opened in 1857 and to honor that tradition, we have planned some special events with a musical focus. Saturday evening's performance by the MU Concert Choir will be a highlight of the weekend. The choir will perform a sampling of the program they are preparing for competition in the World Choral Olympics set for July in Graz, Austria. See page 4 for Alumni Weekend details and registration information.

Class of 1958 Update

The class has set a goal to establish an endowed scholarship fund of \$50,000 to commemorate their Golden Anniversary and signify their ongoing loyalty and commitment to Mansfield. As of mid-February the class raised \$44,575 towards their \$50,000 goal! We've also heard from many classmates indicating that they hope to attend the special celebration on campus.

Alumni Benefits

The Alumni Office often receives positive feedback regarding the special benefits that are available to Mansfield alumni. We frequently hear: "...



just received our MU license plate and we love it!" "Thank you so much for making the plate available!" Issued as part of the Pennsylvania Department of Motor Vehicles specialty plate program for Pennsylvania registered passenger vehicles, trucks, and motor homes, the MU

plate is produced in standard Pennsylvania plate colors of blue, white, and yellow with the image of North Hall in a beautiful brick red. The plates are issued in numbered sequence and may not be further personalized. The total cost is \$25. Requests for applications can be mailed to: Office of Alumni Relations, Attn: License Plate Coordinator, 516 North Hall, Mansfield University, Mansfield, PA 16933. You can also email your request for an application to alumni2@mansfield.edu or call 570-662-4390. Completed applications should be returned with payment to the Office of Alumni Relations for processing. The applications are forwarded to PennDOT, which reviews the requests and ships the plates directly to applicants.

In addition to our PA license plate, special benefits and services available to MU alumni include:

- Alumni and Friends Travel Program (see page 7)
- Liberty Mutual Insurance (special rates on auto and homeowners insurance)
- Personal Health Services (special rates on long-term care insurance for PA residents)
- Bank of America credit card (affinity card featuring Mansfield University logo)
- PSECU (Pennsylvania State Employee Credit Union membership)

To receive a brochure with details on these special benefits and services, email alumni2@mansfield.edu or call 570-662-4390. Please provide your name, class year, and mailing address.

Travel Program

Ada Mae Frailey Saxton '53, Doris Coyne, Dale Plumley '73 and Karen Guertin Plumley '74 joined more than 100 PASSHE alumni and friends on the Panama Cruise January 6 – 16, 2008. Ports of call included Aruba, Columbia, Panama, Costa Rica, and Jamaica.



PA State System alumni enjoyed a 10-day cruise to Panama in January.

Looking forward to seeing you in June!

Denise Berg
MU Alumni Office
516 North Hall
Mansfield, PA 16933
570-662-4292 or 570-662-4390
alumni2@mansfield.edu



Tracey Dukert

Tracey Dukert of Exton, PA, has been named assistant director of alumni relations in the Mansfield University Advancement division. The announcement was made by Steven Besse, vice president for Advancement.

Ms. Dukert graduated with cum laude honors in 2006 from West Chester University of Pennsylvania with a BA in Communications. Over the years she has worked as an assistant producer intern at WPLY-100, assistant to the director of catering at The Inn at Chester Springs, production assistant intern at QVC, advertising sales assistant and research field team associate at Comcast Spotlight, and most recently as alumni programs coordinator & interim director of alumni development at Cabrini College.

"The Office of Alumni Relations seeks to develop and maintain life-long connections between the alumni and the university," Director of Alumni Relations Denise Berg said. "Currently Mansfield has more than 24,000 alumni of record living worldwide. They reside in all 50 states and in 40 international countries.

"While Tracey will be very involved with and provide support for many of the established alumni programs and activities, she also will be instrumental in developing new initiatives and improving and growing current programs. Initially Tracey's focus will be on creating a dynamic alumni-focused web presence with the development of an on-line community. She will also expand the alumni volunteer program to better support the Admissions office in recruitment efforts. Additionally, Tracey will coordinate the Student Alumni Ambassador Leadership organization (see page 9 for more info).

"On your next visit to campus, I encourage you to stop by the Office of Alumni Relations at 516 North Hall and welcome Tracey to Mansfield!"

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This excursion includes a two-night pre-cruise hotel package on Waikiki Beach in Honolulu, Oahu. You'll board the ship on August 9 and visit Hilo, Hawaii; Kahului, Maui; Kona, Hawaii; Niihau, Kauai; and return to Honolulu for your return flight. Pricing starts at \$2400/pp (double occupancy) and includes taxes and government fees, all transfers, air from Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, or Harrisburg.

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7-night Southern Caribbean Cruise January 18-25, 2009

Departing from San Juan, Puerto Rico, ports of call will include Barbados; St. Lucia; Antigua/Barbuda; Tortola and St. Thomas. Pricing and details will be finalized soon.



Capturing the First 150 Years

One hundred and fifty years later the borough and Mansfield University celebrated their shared heritage with a year-long series of activities.

One of the highlights was the publication of a photo-history book: *150 Years Together: A Photographic History*.

Most of the project was alumni based. Dennis Miller '71, public relations director, conceived the idea and sought out local historians Steve Orner '81 and Joyce Tice '62 to create the book.

"They were actually the dream team," Miller said. "Steve has a wealth of knowledge about the university's history. Joyce has one of the largest genealogical web sites in the country (Tri-Counties Genealogy and History) and has amassed a vast amount of local history."

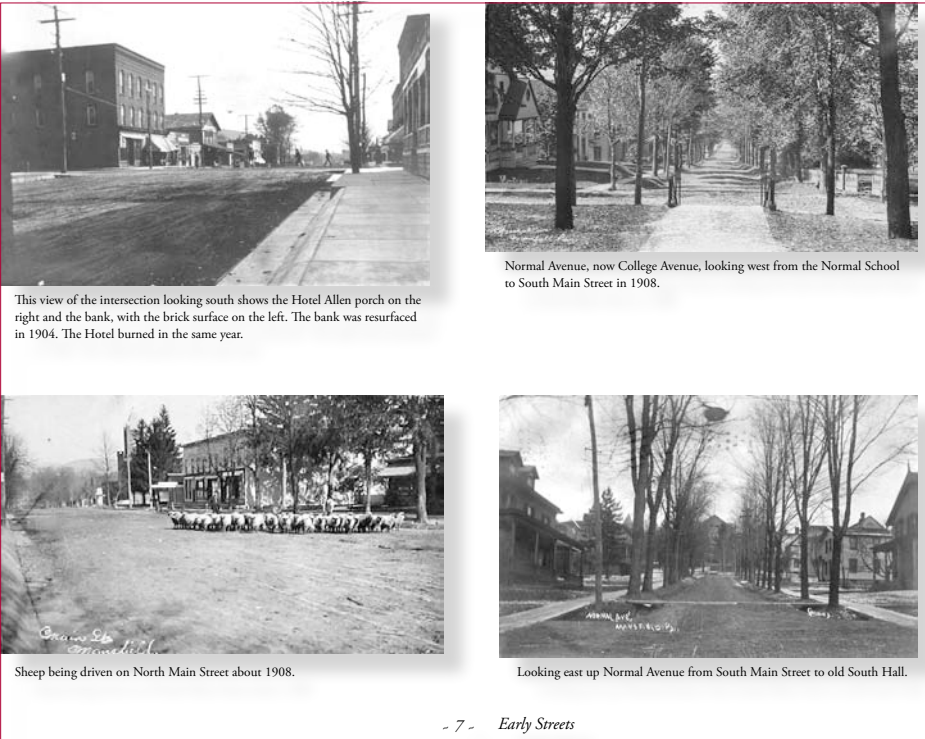
Much care was taken to make sure the history of the borough and university were equally represented. "We're unique in the U.S. in that the borough and the university came into existence the same year," Miller said. "Our history, our heritage, our successes and our challenges, are all shared."

The spring of 1857 saw the birth of Mansfield Borough and Mansfield Classical Seminary.

Orner and Tice chose 300 photos from a collection of more than 800 that depict the town and university from the earliest days up through the present.

Sheran Lawton, MU's graphic artist, designed and laid out the book. "It's a beautiful piece," Miller said. "Decades from now, when other aspects of the celebration are forgotten, this book will still be used by everyone from alumni to townspeople to school students."

The book is available through the university bookstore and can be ordered online at 150.mansfield.edu under "souvenirs."



This view of the intersection looking south shows the Hotel Allen porch on the right and the bank, with the brick surface on the left. The bank was resurfaced in 1904. The Hotel burned in the same year.

Normal Avenue, now College Avenue, looking west from the Normal School to South Main Street in 1908.

Sheep being driven on North Main Street about 1908.

Looking east up Normal Avenue from South Main Street to old South Hall.

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Profiles in Leadership, continued from page 1

in other people, you'll get it. And so I think leadership is working with people to help them achieve their fullest potential and help them rise to the occasion. A leader is a leader in every sense of the word. In the way they deal with people, respect people, their ethical behavior. It comes from many different sides. I think it's really the view of others that makes someone a leader."

Dettwiler takes great pride in the accomplishments of her students. The MU Student Chapter of American Choral Directors Association, which she advises, was recognized as the outstanding student chapter in the nation in 1997 and 2001. The Mansfield University Concert Choir has been invited each of the last 15 years to perform at state, regional, national, or international choral conventions. The Concert Choir will make its bi-annual trip to Europe this summer.

"What is special about the music profession is that you are working with an art form that brings out all kinds of goodness in people," Dettwiler says. "It just draws you in. I'm not going to get to conduct all the music in my lifetime that I'd like to because there is so much great music out there."

But she's determined to conduct as much as she can and continue to impart her passion to students and others.

"I truly believe that music is a part of human nature and music is basic," she said.

"Study history and different cultures around the world and every culture has some kind of musical expression. Whether it's drums or rhythm or singing or instruments, that's something that is inherent in human beings. I believe it's an important part of our humanity and we need to keep it going."

Learning to Lead

John Elmore came to Mansfield University in 1971 with an average academic track record. Four years later, he graduated with honors and used what he learned at Mansfield to become a leader in his field – law.

"I would not be the person that I am without the experience that I had at Mansfield," the Buffalo-based attorney said recently.

He was recruited to Mansfield by track coach Bob Maxson. "I was a good athlete in high school and an underachieving student," he said.

"At Mansfield I learned how to put athletics and academics in the proper perspective. Athletics serves the purpose of teaching values such as teamwork, delayed gratification, sacrifice, hard work, humility, pride, honesty, patience and discipline. If an athlete is in the sport solely for the glory, there is no life after sports. It did not take me long to understand the importance of academics at Mansfield. Athletes that did not take academics seriously did not stick around long. It did not matter how big of a star you were, the professors would not alter your grades to make you academically eligible to play sports. Coach Maxson and (Ed) Winrow both required members of the track team to study in the offices of the Athletic Department before practice every day. Once I learned how to study I took pride in my grades."

After gaining street experience as a state trooper, Elmore continued his studies.

"The grades that I received at Mansfield helped me earn an academic scholarship to Syracuse University College of Law," he said.

After law school, he put his knowledge to work serving as Manhattan

Assistant District Attorney and New York State Assistant Attorney General. He has taught criminal justice administration at Buffalo State and Medaille Colleges.

He was co-counsel with Attorney James Harrington in Western New York's first death penalty case in 40 years. Their efforts resulted in a life sentence for Jonathan Parker, who was convicted in the shooting death of Charles McDougald, a Buffalo police officer.

Today, Elmore has offices in Buffalo and Niagara Falls.

His book, *Fighting For Your Life*, chronicles his two decades as a lawyer who witnessed the rising population of African American men in prison. The book led to guest appearances on radio and TV and speaking engagements around the country.

A leader in his profession and his community, Elmore says Mansfield is where he gained many of his leadership skills. "I had leadership positions at Mansfield, including captain of the track team and as an RA in Cedarcrest," he explained.

Elmore is the first African American partner in the 125-year-old law firm Harter, Secrest, and Emery, which has more than 130 lawyers.

He is also a member of the Erie County Bar Association Board of Directors and chairs the 8th Judicial Attorney Grievance Committee, which oversees attorney discipline in the eight most western counties of New York State.

He was recently appointed to the Board of Directors of the WNY Catholic Health System.

Elmore is frequently called upon to give advice to Buffalo city officials, such as the mayor, the superintendent of schools, and the police chief. He also oversees the legal work for the City of Buffalo's 100 million dollar school reconstruction project.

In 2005, Elmore's outstanding achievements were recognized by the MU Alumni Association when he was awarded the Society of Honors Alumni Citation Award. This award recognizes exceptional contributions to society through professional, civic and philanthropic work and leadership activities. (See page 15 for more information on Society of Honors.)

"Leadership," he says, "is helping others to help themselves and organizing people to achieve a common goal."



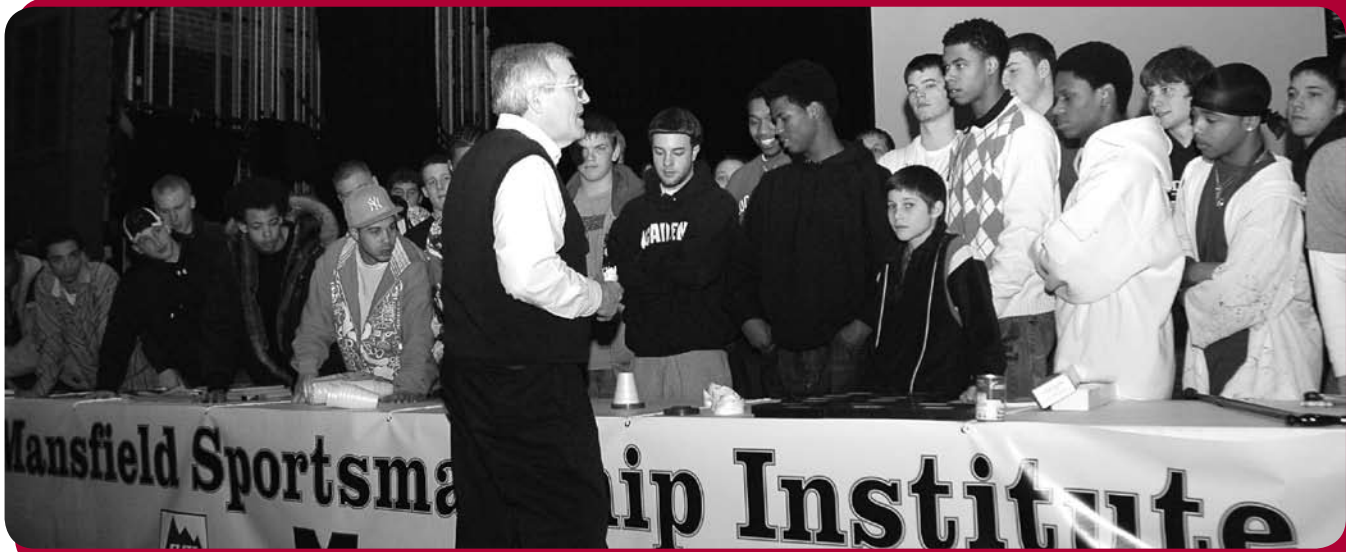
John Elmore '79

We plan on continuing the "Profiles in Leadership" series in upcoming issues and we want your input.

Is there an MU faculty or staff member, student or alumnus who you think should be included? Drop us a note with that person's name and your reasons for nominating them.

Send it to pr@mansfield.edu or *The Mansfieldian*, 14 Beecher House, Mansfield University, Mansfield, PA 16933.

Nomination does not guarantee inclusion but we do value your input and want to hear from you.



Rob Gilbert, a professor of sports psychology, talks with participants in the sportsmanship workshop held at MU in March. The workshop was co-sponsored by the Mansfield Leadership Institute and Elite Therapy, PC of Mansfield.

Leadership Opportunities at MU



Top to bottom:

Jay Sidhu, CEO of SidhuAdvisors and former chair and CEO of Sovereign Bank Corp., is among the guest speakers brought to campus by the Mansfield Leadership Institute.

Martha Harkleroad (left) made raising hunger awareness her project for the Mountaineer Leadership Program in April 2007. She set up a display entitled "Skip a Meal for Tioga County," which explained how government programs affect rural hunger locally, how donations are used and other facts to raise awareness of food insecurity in the region, and also accepted donations to the Mansfield Food Pantry.

Student Alumni Ambassadors fill a number of roles, from face painting to greeting alumni at campus events.

(L-R) State Senator Roger Madigan, guest speaker Jay Sidhu, MU President Maravene Loeschke and Dennis Heinle, Leadership Institute director, at the opening reception for the new MU Leadership Institute in October 2007.

Mansfield University offers an impressive range of programs and opportunities for students to hone their leadership skills.

THE STUDENT ALUMNI AMBASSADORS (SAA) organization was established in 1999 as a link between alumni and current MU students. Led by Director of Alumni Relations Denise Berg, the SAA's are very involved in campus activities, serving as official greeters, guides and, most of all, goodwill ambassadors.

To be considered for selection as an Alumni Ambassador, a student must be nominated, be an outstanding student (GPA of 2.8 or higher), be outgoing and friendly, have effective communication skills, and be interested in developing leadership skills. New members receive training to prepare them for their role as representatives of Mansfield.

THE MOUNTAINEER LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (MLP) has been in existence since 2005. The program is designed to give students three tiers of leadership learning: bronze, which focuses on personal leadership; silver, which concentrates on leadership within teams and groups; and gold, which develops change leadership.

After students complete a level, they move to the next. Each level requires students to complete six interactive workshops and to write a reflective essay about each workshop. Workshops are facilitated by volunteers, including administration, staff, faculty and students.

The MLP is directed by Julia Overton-Healy and managed through the Career Development Center. The program is free for students, thanks to support from the Mansfield University Foundation, which allocated seed money for the program.

The Mansfield University Leadership Institute was launched last October. Director Dennis Heinle is working to create partnerships for non-credit leadership development programs with corporate and community groups and to position the Institute as the coordination and resource center for on-campus leadership programs.

Heinle is also identifying off-campus development opportunities for students, faculty and staff. He is developing an advisory board to help guide the Institute's impact on the community, creating leadership scholarships for students, and working with community groups on grants to establish non-credit leadership modules tailored to meet community needs.

Academically, a minor in Leadership Studies is in place and a master's degree program in Organizational Leadership is being developed.

For more on the leadership initiatives at Mansfield, check online at leadership.mansfield.edu

Fall Athletes Excel in Classroom

The **2007 Mansfield University field hockey team** was recognized as the top NCAA Division II academic field hockey program in the nation by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) with a number one ranking in the 2007 ZAG/NFHCA Division II National Academic Team Awards.

The **MU men's and women's cross country teams** finished the year as the second and third best academic cross country programs in the nation for the 2007 NCAA Division II cross country season in rankings compiled by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA).

The **field hockey** squad posted a team GPA of 3.42 (out of a possible 4.0) for the first semester of the 2007-08 academic year to outdistance Kutztown University (3.38), Bentley College (3.35), Mercyhurst College (3.31) and C.W. Post (3.29) as the top five academic schools in the country.

"Mansfield University is excited about the academic success of our field hockey program," President Maravene Loeschke said. "To be ranked as the top academic program in the nation is a tremendous honor and a great reflection on the quality and character of the student-athletes, coaches, and faculty and support staff here at Mansfield. We couldn't be more pleased or proud of their accomplishment."

Mansfield earned NFHCA Division II National Academic Team recognition as one of the top ten programs in NCAA Division II for the past three years, but this is the first time the Mountaineers have posted the top GPA in the nation. Field hockey programs must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher for the first semester of the academic year to earn NFHCA Division II National Academic Team recognition.

In addition, 10 field hockey student-athletes were named to the 2007 ZAG/NFHCA Division II National Academic Squad. To earn National Academic Squad honors a student-athlete must maintain a 3.30 cumulative grade point average.

National Academic Squad honors went to Rebekah Brown, Laura Carden, Christina Carter, Courtney Grunza, Ryanne Higgins, Keely Jarrett, Shana Markwis, Shantee Proctor, Carlyn Spangler and Breanne Tobin.

Under the direction of Head Coach Diane Monkiewicz, Mansfield posted an 11-7 record in 2007 and ranked 10th in the nation in the final STX/NFHCA Division II National poll.

The **Mountaineer men's cross-country team** repeated as a USTFCCCA All-Academic Team and finished second in the nation in Division II with a 3.62 team GPA (out of a possible 4.0). Limestone College edged out the Mountaineers for the top spot with a 3.63 team GPA. Augustana University (3.56), The College of Saint Rose (3.54) and Christian Brothers University (3.51) rounded out the top five ranking.

To be eligible for the honor, teams must list all student-athletes whose names appear on the NCAA eligibility form and who have competed in 50 percent or more of the cross country competitions on the team's schedule. Additionally, the team must compete at the NCAA Division II regional championships and have a team cumulate grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

In addition three Mountaineer men's runners – Chris Cummings, Dave Sanford and Josh Wooten—were named to the 2007 NCAA Division II USTFCCCA men's All-Academic Team.

To qualify for the individual All-academic honors, the student-athlete must have completed 24 semester or 36 quarter hours and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale. The student-athletes must also finish in the top 30 percent of individual participants at their respective regional cross country championships.

The Mountaineer women's team also repeated as a USTFCCCA All-Academic Team and finished third in the nation in Division II with a 3.76 team GPA. Seattle Pacific University had the nation's top team GPA (3.80) followed by Gannon University (3.79), Mansfield, The University of Tampa (3.73) and Saginaw Valley (3.71).

"A wonderful achievement for programs that pride themselves on academic and well as athletic excellence," Loeschke said. "We are very proud of these outstanding student-athletes and the dedication and commitment to success and leadership they display in their lives."

Mike Rohl is in his seventh year as the head coach of the Mountaineer men's and women's cross country programs and is assisted by his wife Michelle.



2007 Field Hockey Team



2007 Men's Cross Country Team



2007 Women's Cross Country Team

Davis Named Sprint Football Coach

Dan Davis, a 19-year coaching veteran at the collegiate level, was introduced as the head coach of the Mansfield University sprint football program on March 4.

"When we decided that sprint football fit the mission of Mansfield University, it was also decided that the qualities we were looking for in a head coach should also fit that mission," said MU President Maravene Loeschke as she introduced Davis to a gathering of media and supporters.

"With 19 years of collegiate football experience, Dan Davis knows football," Loeschke added. "But by all accounts, Coach Davis's greatest strength lies in a history of enhancing the quality of the student-athlete experience for his players. We are very pleased to have sprint football and Coach Davis at Mansfield."

Davis leaves his position as the defensive coordinator at NCAA Division III MacMurray College (IL) to take the head coaching position at Mansfield.

This marks Davis' second stint as a collegiate head coach. He served as the head coach at McPherson College (KS) from 2000-2002.

During his career he has served as offensive coordinator (Langston University (OK), Vermilion Community College (MN), defensive coordinator (SUNY-Canton (NY), Huron University (SD), Mount Allison University (NB), MacMurray College) and also as offensive line coach.

Davis graduated with a BA in history from Olivet College (MI) in 1990 and received his MA in education in sports and recreation management from Chadron State College (NE) in 1993.

He was a member of the Olivet College football program from 1986-88, earning a starting spot at offensive tackle. "I'm honored to become the head coach of this truly unique program," Davis said. "The sprint football program at Mansfield is unlike any other football

program at a public institution in the nation. It provides great opportunity to players, who just because of size, never thought they would be able to play collegiate football. There are a lot of great kids looking for somewhere like Mansfield and we're going to find them."

Two dozen Mansfield students interested in playing sprint football next fall were among the large crowd that attended the press conference.

"A dream come true for me," said Andrew Licwinko. "I love football and can't wait to start playing again. It's exciting to be part of something as historical as this."

Mansfield dropped its 115-year old NCAA Division II football program at the conclusion of the 2006 season because of budgetary reasons.

Following one season without football (2007), Mansfield was accepted into the Collegiate Sprint Football League (CSFL) where it will compete with the five other league members: Cornell University, the University of Pennsylvania, Princeton University, the United States Military Academy at West Point (Army) and the United States Military Naval Academy at Annapolis (Navy).

Mansfield is the only public university in the nation to offer a sprint football program.

Sprint football has been in existence for more than 70-years and is a varsity collegiate sport that plays by the same rules as NCAA programs with the exception of a 172 pound weight limit.

Mansfield will open the 2008 season by hosting Princeton University in a scrimmage on September 20 before hosting Cornell University on September 27 in the first regular season game. The Mountaineers will host the University of Pennsylvania for Homecoming on October 4.



MU President Maravene Loeschke introduces Dan Davis as Head Sprint Football Coach.

Edith Gallagher Inducted into Hofstra Hall of Fame

Mansfield University head softball coach Edith Gallagher was inducted in the Hofstra University Athletic Hall of Fame on February 2.

A 1989 Hofstra graduate, Gallagher was a two-sport athlete in field hockey and softball from 1986 through 1989.

An honorable mention Field Hockey All-American in 1989, Gallagher also was named to the All-Mid-Atlantic Region team and was a two-time All-East Coast Conference selection.

As a softball player, she was an All-Northeast Region and an All-ECAC choice in 1989.

Gallagher came to MU as an assistant softball and field hockey coach after graduating from Hofstra in 1989 and took over the head coach position in both sports in 1992. She continued on to serve in both positions until after the 1994 season, when she concentrated on softball only.

Heading into this season, her teams had won 265 games, earning five ECAC playoff berths and twice capturing the ECAC Championship.



L-R -- Hofstra Athletic Director Jack Hayes, Edith Gallagher, Hofstra University President Stuart Rabinowitz

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POSTCARDS *from Sofia*

Linda Stump Rashidi, associate professor of English & Modern Languages at Mansfield University, spent the fall 2006 semester as a Fulbright Scholar teaching Systemic Functional Linguistics (SFL) at the University of Sophia, Bulgaria's premier university. What follows is her reflections on the experience.

Teaching in Bulgaria is not like teaching in the US. And certainly teaching at St. Kliment Ohridski Sofia University is not like teaching at Mansfield University. Sofia University is European, old world European. As a visiting professor for a single semester, I did not, of course, have an experience like that of my Bulgarian colleagues. They teach long hours for little pay. I, on the other hand, was assigned two courses, both in the Master's Program in Linguistics, and one for only half a term. Beyond that, I had no responsibilities: no committee meetings, no university service, no curriculum development.

This is how every professor should spend a year's sabbatical leave, but for a linguist like me, with an insatiable appetite for learning new languages and living in new cultures, the experience was doubling rewarding. Sofia is a small, walkable capital with a lively street life, sidewalk cafés, open-air markets, fancy shops, small groceries, and, of course, museums and churches.

As I had no obligations for my first few weeks, I spent my ample time exploring the narrow, cobbled streets and searching out and visiting every church in the city. In September, we Fulbrighters were enrolled in Sofia University's Language Center for three weeks of intensive Bulgarian. I am not a good language learner—but I love learning new languages, especially ones written in different scripts, and I loved learning Bulgarian. We studied every week day from 9:00 until 1:00; then we hit a nearby Troll pizza parlor and spent the next hour deciphering the menu, an activity that became a cherished routine for me.

A week into Bulgarian classes, I got a phone call from Christo Stamenov, Head of the Linguistics section at Sofia University. A wiry, compact man in his mid-50s, I liked him immediately. After class, instead of joining the others at Troll, I grabbed a tram and headed to the university to meet Christo. We had lunch in The Egg, the university's faculty restaurant, a ballroom-like place shaped like a grand egg. Then he toured me around the maze that is Sofia University's magnificent main building. We ended up on the top (6th) floor where the English department and its library are located. I was introduced to Rositsa, the department assistant, who assigned me to one of the faculty rooms, a small office that I was to share with about ten other



While on a hike with colleagues and students, Rashidi's group met former Bulgarian President Peter Stoyanov (center of back row next to Rashidi).

faculty. This room, with its long table, a sagging couch, a rickety desk with ancient computer and non-working printer, and a wall of small lockers, was to become my academic home. After business, Christo and I went out to the university courtyard for coffee. Since he had bought lunch, I said I would buy coffee. Christo grinned as I ordered in Bulgarian, but I managed to produce the correctly-gendered version of "two," even remembering to add the irregular plural "to" to "kafe"



Linda Rashidi's apartment building on Ave. Evlogi Georgiev, Sofia.

My half-term course in Writing Up the MA Thesis began in October. From the beginning, my life as a professor was starkly different from that at Mansfield University. Besides having only one class, I was teaching MA students. But there were challenges as well: the students themselves had no textbooks; my own text was an old copy I dug out of the library; nobody seemed to know exactly how many or who was in my class. Attendance was sporadic and varied; each session found about eight students, but never the same eight, and never the same eight for the entire four-hour class period. But they were bright and engaged, and their English was excellent. I was amazed at their knowledge of linguistics, especially Hallidayan functionalism.

Having been denied entry to the university library by a surly guard, I decided to see if I could get into the National Library, just across the street from the university and another of Sofia's historic buildings. This guard was more patient with my faltering Bulgarian and he gently guided me through the mystical process of getting a library card. Inside I was in awe of this grand structure with its marble, echoing halls and vast reading rooms, but also with its Byzantine rules and procedures and rows upon rows of old-fashioned card catalogues. After two afternoons of frustration, Tatyana Stoicheva, the Chair of the English Department, took pity on me and spent several hours guiding me through the routine and helping me unravel the mysteries of Bulgarian cataloging and how to find the cards in Roman script. She and I made cheat sheets for requesting books, returning books, and for books that I wanted shelved for later use—no checking out. I would spend many wonderful days in these marble halls reading and copying Bulgarian literature in English for my class back at Mansfield.

In November, my teaching duties began to pick up. My regularly-scheduled MA class in Functional Linguistics began, a delightful group of eleven students. In addition, I began to travel outside Sofia for guest lectures. The first was to Plovdiv, the ancient city of Philip of Macedonia,

the father of Alexander the Great. The city contains Roman ruins and a huge, magnificent mosque built between the 13th and 15th centuries. At the University of Plovdiv, I lectured for Christo's class in lexicography. In mid-December I took a six-hour bus ride to Shumen in north-east Bulgaria where I gave a lecture at Shumen University. Because it was close to the end of their semester, I had little time to spend with faculty, but they packed an auditorium with students for my presentation on Hallidayan grammar.

As the clock struck midnight on December 31 and 2006 turned to 2007, Bulgaria joined Romania in becoming a member of the European Union. For Bulgaria this was a momentous move, carrying with it enormous changes. The average person was mostly fearful, but there was also a sense of hopefulness in the air, a feeling of making—at last—a right move. Finally, after nearly twenty years, the Communist legacy could be put behind them. We in the USA have had a continuous history: a single government, a single constitution, a single economic policy. I think it is hard for us to fully understand the tumultuous history of Bulgaria, of its many alliances, its many occupations, its many governments. Bulgarians never quite trust what will come next.



Sofia University

stood quietly. Walking back through the park, we were accosted by children with “switches”; in the traditional style they lightly “beat” our backs to ward off evil in the new year, and we, as tradition demands, gave them a few coins. And so I saw in 2007.

My last month in Bulgaria was a letting go. Because I was teaching graduate courses, Fulbright extended my grant for a month to allow me to finish before I left on March 1. My colleagues had a farewell party for me at a traditional mehana (tavern). I flew out on Marta Baba Day, the day when all of Bulgaria welcomes Spring by giving martenitzas to friends and relatives. Every person in the airport was sporting one of these red and white talismans. I had been given half a dozen and pinned as many as I could to my person and possessions. In my luggage were dozens more to distribute to everyone at Mansfield University. The tradition is that, when one sees the

first stork return (a sign of Spring), one removes the martenitza and ties it to a tree. Lacking storks, I waited for the proverbial robin. It was not long before I began to see scattered pieces of red and white yarn tied to trees around campus, a reminder that the world is not so large after all.



Rashidi (far right) with her Bulgarian language class.

For me, it was exciting to be a part of this new era in Bulgarian history. I joined Christo for the New Year's Eve celebrations in Battenberg Square. At midnight, as the official fireworks and light show exploded in a lovely display of Bulgaria's tricolors accompanied by dramatic music, a kind of spiritual quiet descended over the square. I was moved in a way that the usual shouting in of the new year in the USA does not bring me. This was not the raucous, screaming crowd of Times Square. A group of twenty-somethings nearby uncorked champagne at the stroke of midnight, but nobody seemed drunk. Children were put on adult shoulders or ran around with sparklers; oldsters



Rashidi looks at the statues of Saints Cyril and Methodius, who are credited with devising the Glagolitic alphabet, in front of the National Library.

Legacy Society

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The Best of the Best—



Concert Choir and Mansfieldians Bring Home Gold from World Choir Games

- **THE EVENT:** the World Choral Games, July 9-19, Graz, Austria
- **THE COMPETITION:** 20,000 singers in 441 choirs from 93 countries

Read these lines again and then understand that the Mansfield University Concert Choir and The Mansfieldians came away with gold.

Gold.

Tops in their categories.

Best of the best.

The Concert Choir, under the direction of Peggy Dettwiler, took the top prize in the spiritual and gospel open category, earning a score of 92.25 out of 100.

The Mansfieldians, a select 12-member ensemble of Concert Choir members directed by Sheryl Monkelién, won first place in the jazz vocal ensemble a cappella category, scoring an 89.87.

The Concert Choir also earned a gold medal in the mixed youth choir category, finishing second and missing the championship by less than a point.

Overall, the Mansfield groups earned six gold medals in both qualifying and final rounds.

"The choirs performed the best they ever have," Monkelién said. "They reached a level of excellence that Peggy or I had never seen before. We were just so proud of them."

"The theme of the games was 'Singing Together Brings Nations Together,'" Dettwiler added. "We certainly experienced this first hand. Our world view has been expanded in a most positive way. The competitive spirit of the Olympics inspired the choir to sing better with each performance. I was deeply moved with their musical growth and sincere expression of the music. I, too, can say that I am so proud of them. Their success in the World Choir Games went beyond my wildest dreams."

"This is a tremendous accomplishment," MU President Maravene Loeschke said. "To compete against the top ensembles in the world and be judged the best is amazing.

It speaks to the talent, dedication and leadership we hold dear here at Mansfield. We are all extremely proud of our students and faculty."



Peggy Dettwiler

Sheryl Monkelién

Students kept journals during the competition. After winning the gold medal, Roxanne Heaney, a senior from Mansfield, PA wrote, "I can't even explain what it feels to be a gold medal champion. It's breathtaking. Running up to that stage and seeing our flag raised, it all felt like a dream. I am so proud of our choir. We are gold medal champions! Thank

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On the Road to Gold

Holly Loganbill of the MU Advancement & Alumni Relations staff was part of the travel party that accompanied the Concert Choir on their European trip. She offers this first person account of the trip and the choir's gold medal winning performances.



As I boarded the bus for Philadelphia on July 6th, my thoughts were on practical things – making connections, changing money, jet lag – it was going to be one long day of travel. Being one of the "wise ones," as Dr. Dettwiler called us, I was along for the ride to see a part of Europe I had never seen – at least that's what I thought. Things were incredibly well organized, and the trip went very smoothly. Our first stop was Vienna, home of the Hapsburgs, and two nights in a very charming hotel.

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The Fabulous 1890s Weekend — A Time Tested Tradition

The 17th annual Fabulous 1890s Weekend is set for September 26-27 on Smythe Park in Mansfield. The Weekend celebrates the fact that the world's first night football game was played by Mansfield University on September 28, 1892.



The festivities will begin on Friday, September 26 with crafts, entertainment, hot air balloons and a soccer game. Saturday kicks off with the Motorless Parade at 11 a.m. followed by a day full of music, games, crafts, the museum tent and living history demonstrations.

The Weekend builds to a climax with a soccer game, the crowning of Miss 1890s, the re-enactment of the world's first night football game and fireworks with music by the MU Pride of Pennsylvania Mountie Marching Band.

"The MU Family Weekend is also held the same weekend," said Dennis Miller '71, 1890s Cochair. "It's the perfect time for parents and alumni to come back to visit the campus and the town."

Much of the success of the 1890s Weekend, Miller said, is the close working relationship between the town and university. "Dozens of community and university organizations come together to make the Weekend the unique event that it is," Miller said.

The Weekend has been featured in such national media outlets as USA Weekend, MTV, Fox News, USA Today and others.

The Fabulous 1890s Weekend is cosponsored by the university and the Greater Area Mansfield Chamber of Commerce.

• For complete information and schedules, check online at 1890sweekend.com

Mansfield University in the National News

MU faculty and administrators are frequently in the national news, often contributing to the public dialogue on important issues. MU's programs and practices make news also. Here are examples:

"To go along with this year's freshman seminar theme, 'Dissent: Freedom and Dignity,' Mansfield has assigned '1984' by George Orwell to incoming students." —USA TODAY Higher Education Blog, June 24, 2008; article titled "Freshman Summer Reading Assignments."

"JULIA OVERTON-HEALY, director of career services at Mansfield University in Pennsylvania, says a parent once called her and demanded 'to know when and where her son's on-campus interview was being held so that she could be there to help.'" —CareerBuilder, nationally syndicated in Sunday newspapers via The Chicago Tribune, April 6, 2008. Article titled "Hovercraft: Students Detach from Overbearing Parents." Also appeared in The Hartford (CT) Courant on the same day.

"A new poll shows most Pennsylvanians think the state should step in to address illegal immigration. The Mansfield University State Survey reveals 83 percent of respondents say the Commonwealth should pass its own immigration laws, if the federal government fails to enforce existing national measures. But, poll co-Director TIM MADIGAN says there is a racial divide on this issue. Madigan says minority communities do support having the state take on illegal immigration, just not with the same overwhelming support found among whites." — Radio Pennsylvania, March 25, 2008.

"SCOTT THORNSLEY, an associate professor of criminal justice at Mansfield University and a national media commentator on violent crime and criminal behavior, said the alleged killer may have been out of control during the time the crime was committed, but attempted to regain that control afterward. — The Pottsville (PA) Republican-Herald, March 23, 2008.

"The prospects are bleak for Pennsylvania's public school libraries. And as our school libraries fare, so goes the reading ability of our children. Nearly 40 percent of the Commonwealth's public schools are without a library. Those that still have them house aging, tattered collections." —DEB KACHEL, scholarship chair for Mansfield University's School Library and Information Technologies Graduate School, in The Harrisburg Patriot-News, Feb. 28, 2008.

Employees Honored for Service and Dedication

The 29th annual Mansfield University Service Recognition Program was held on April 29.

Employees who have served MU for 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years were honored. Faculty were recognized by academic year. People who have retired were also recognized.

The following individuals were honored:

TEN YEARS: Connie Black, Michael Buck, Francis Craig, Douglas Crowder, Jane Fenn, Chris Gitchell, Shellie Gregorich, Karen Guenther, Ruth Hermansen, Rhonda Keller, Frances Melchionne, Diane Monkiewicz, Suzanne Murphy, Richard Priset, Deborah Rotella, Nancy Sidell, Michelle Spencer, Elizabeth Williams, Janet Yoder.

FIFTEEN YEARS: Bruce Barton, Sharon Carrish-Bulkley, Michael Chester, Carolynn Ives, Michele Materese, Mary McEwan, Jane McGuire, Tanya Reese, Lawrence Schankman, Denise Seigart, Janeen Sheeche, Kathryn Thorne, Victoria Wilbur, Clifford Wiles, Carmen Wood.

TWENTY YEARS: Tekeste Abraham, Antonio Ambrosio, Flor Blanco, Michael Casselberry, Scott Davis, Youngsuck Kim, Pamela Lain, Steven McCloskey, James Roupp, Ralph Thomas, Douglas Thomas, William Tuttle, Larry Watts, Tamara Wilson, Jacquelyn Wisniewski.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS: Russell Dodson, Thomas Elsasser, Ebrahim Ghods.

THIRTY YEARS: Tondelaya Baylor-Ayewoh, Susan Krieger, Dennis Murray.

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS: Eva Green, Ann Klinger, William Teeter.

Employees who have retired include: Ann Klinger, Ann Marie Beuter, Debra Fritz, Janet Fuller, Cheryl Hasselman, Howard Kendrick, William Koernig, Lynn Stroud, Jerry Taylor.

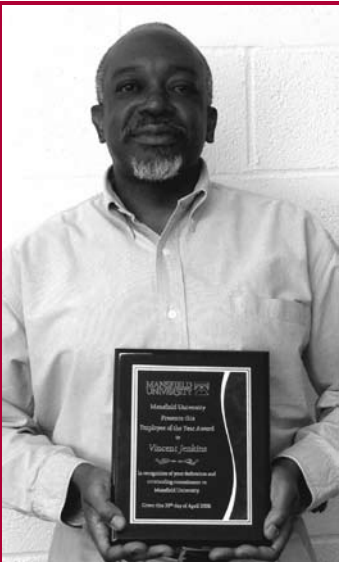
Also at the recognition event, **Vincent Jenkins**, associate professor of Academic and Human Development, was named **Employee of the Year**.

The Employee Recognition Committee selected Jenkins '76, after a campus-wide nomination process. Tamela Bastion, Mary McEwan, Steven Reidinger and Kathy Wright were also nominated.

Among the comments made on the nominations Jenkins received were, "Very dedicated, caring and knowledgeable... Vince is 'passing it forward' as his Mansfield University mentors did for him when he was a student here."

The **Athletics Department** received the **Spotlight Award**, which is given to a department that exemplifies the four facets of the Mansfield Creed: Character, Scholarship, Culture and Service. The winner was decided after a campus-wide nomination process.

Among the comments made in the nominations were, "Athletics is always very conscious of developing leaders and daily teaching of humanity, similarities, embracing and understanding differences... Academic success is a very important and evident by the recent announcements of the field hockey team being named number one in the country in team GPA, men's cross country was number two and women's cross country number three, with 13 individuals named All-Academic nationally... They are very involved with the community by providing camps and clinics for area youth and going into the schools to give back. They participate in Relay for Life, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Special Olympics, many blood donor events and Odyssey of the Mind to name a few."



Vincent Jenkins, 2007-08 Employee of the Year.



Members of the Athletics Department accept the Spotlight Award.

Commencement Celebrated

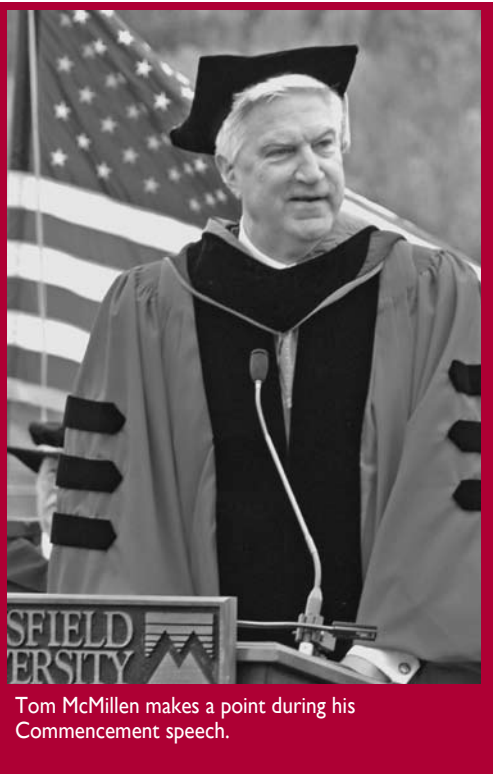
Three hundred and eighty-eight students received degrees at Mansfield University's 143rd Commencement on May 10 at Karl Van Norman Field.

Before presenting the graduates with their diplomas, MU President Maravene Loeschke told them, "A college education is a remarkable achievement. It is a gift you have given yourselves. Those of you who went the extra mile, did more than was expected, overcame disabilities and challenges, dealt with financial stress, demanded your personal best, participated in campus life and provided student leadership, are the greatest winners today. By understanding the value of an education, no matter how you will choose to apply it, you have invested precious capital in your future and the future of your families and future families."

Mansfield native Tom McMillen, who led Mansfield High School to a state basketball championship in 1969 and has gone on to a highly diversified and successful career in the fields of sports, business and politics, was the guest speaker.

McMillen, whose mother, Margaret, was a longtime trustee at Mansfield and whose brother, Paul, graduated from Mansfield and later served as director of development and alumni affairs, shared fond memories of growing up in Mansfield. "This is where my foundation in life was set," he said. "My life is really better for having grown up here."

A three-time All-American at Maryland and Rhodes Scholar, McMillen played 11 seasons in the NBA before serving three terms in Congress, representing the Fourth District of Maryland from 1987 to 1993. Today he is vice-chairman of Fortress International Group, CEO/President of Homeland Security Capital Corp and chairman of Washington Capital Advisors, LLC. He is also chairman and co-chief executive officer of Secure America Acquisition Corp, a homeland security special purpose acquisition corporation.



Tom McMillen makes a point during his Commencement speech.

Using examples from his own life and experiences, McMillen offered the graduates this advice. "As you leave this school, don't be afraid to take risks and don't be afraid to fail," he said. "Always set goals for yourself, both in your personal life and your professional life, and work hard to achieve them. Never stop learning and be thankful and live every day to the fullest."

Peter Kemerer of Harrisburg, PA was named this year's Outstanding Senior. Kemerer carried a 3.8 GPA while earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Music Education.

Kemerer was chair of the MU American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) and a member of the Young Men's Choral Festival, the Concert Choir and the Mansfieldians. He is a member of the National Association for Music Educators, the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia music fraternity. During his time at Mansfield, Kemerer performed in concerts to benefit Tsunami and Hurricane Katrina relief, as well as several other community activities.

The Public Relations Department has produced eight commencement videos and posted them to YouTube, making the photos available to everyone.

"Commencement is the highlight, the climax of years worth of work on the student's part," Director of Public Relations Dennis Miller said. "In the past we could use a handful of the hundreds of photos we took. Now we can use dozens and recognize many more graduates."

Produced by student Christie Martin, the videos consists of a collection of photos of graduates, family and friends, set to music. "The beauty of this kind of production is that it's lively and can be shared with graduates' families around the world," Martin said.

To see the videos, go to youtube.com/mansfielduniversity

Alumni Encourage Graduates

Before they walk across the stage to receive their diplomas, Mansfield University's newest graduates heard words of encouragement and advice on finding success from an alumnus.

"If I have a secret it is a very simple one," said Daniel C. de Mendonça at the annual Graduation Celebration on May 9. "I wake up every day and go to work to live my vocation joyfully. I truly enjoy life."

Mendonça, a 1996 MU graduate, was the guest speaker for the annual event held on Friday, May 9. He is general manager of Bob Logue Motor Sports, an American Honda Motorcycle franchise in Williamsport, PA.

Mendonça's passion for the industry has led him to create and launch websites and various other technological advances for the company. An avid motorcyclist, he enjoys spending time with his family here in the U.S. and visiting with his family and friends in his native Brazil.

Mendonça recounted his story of arriving in the U.S. not knowing English and how he learned, persevered and flourished at MU, thanks in large part to caring and helpful faculty, staff and fellow students. He specifically thanked Professor Emeritus Janice Kennedy and Director of Multicultural Affairs Annie Cooper.

"My Mansfield University degree was invaluable in being able to take advantage of the opportunities that have been presented to me," he told the soon-to-be graduates. "There is no skill that has been required of me on any job that I didn't learn or hone right here on this campus."

Mendonça is married to MU alumna Juliane (Longenbach) Mendonca '97. They live in Montoursville with their son, Aristid.

Also at the Graduation Celebration, Alumni Association President Barb King '78 officially welcomed the soon-to-be alumni. "I encourage you to continue to be involved with the university, support the university and, by all means, do come back to the university," she said. "And as you're thinking

about going into the real world, know that you are absolutely prepared for any challenge that comes your way. And never forget the foundation that has been created for you here at Mansfield."

King is a vice-president for PNC Bank. She is a member of the Women's Financial Services Network and serves as mentor for the Philadelphia Reads program. She participates in the United Way Day of Caring and is active in the annual campaign of the United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania.

In addition to serving as president on the board of directors for the Mansfield University Alumni Association, King is active on the membership and recognition committees and assists the MU Admissions staff in recruitment efforts at regional receptions.

The Graduation Celebration brings together graduates and university administration, faculty and staff on the day before Commencement. Special recognition is given to the candidates for outstanding senior.

The event is made possible by the generous support of Professors Lee '82 and Kathy '82 Wright, The MU Alumni Association, The Office of the Provost, The Association of Pennsylvania State College & University Faculties (AFSCUF), and The American Federation of State, County & Municipal Workers (AFSCME).



Daniel de Mendonça '96

MU on the Road

MU IN FLORIDA

MU alumni and friends in Florida have always provided a warm welcome to visitors from the North and this year was no exception. The travel group from Mansfield included President Maravene Loeschke and her husband Dick Gillespie, VP for Advancement Steve Besse, Director of Development Rebecca Bair and Director of Alumni Relations Denise Berg. We were fortunate to have members from MU's three leadership boards and retired faculty and staff join us at some of the events, as well. On Saturday, March 8 we enjoyed a delicious lunch at Marina Jack, overlooking Sarasota Bay. Highlights included a surprise reunion for Donna Congdon Mokrzynski '55 and Ruth Judd Ritter '54 (see photo) who had been attendants in one another's weddings in 1953 and 1954. Our youngest guest was Mackenzie Riley, the delightful 9-month-old daughter of Jay '94 and Sara Riley. On Monday, March 10 a luncheon was held at Bayside restaurant in north Naples, with a beautiful view of Venetian Bay. Our annual golf outing took place on Tuesday, March 11 and was hosted by Tony Fiamingo '73 at Pelican Preserve in Ft. Myers.



(NAPLES) Standing: Ralph Meyer, Steve Besse. Seated: Martin Watson '80, Carol Meyer, Pete Guidi.



(NAPLES) Standing: Emma Yengst Benner '63, Peg Ireland McCloskey '63, and Barbara Keithan Kearney '56. Seated: President Maravene Loeschke, Dick Gillespie.

Donna Congdon Mokrzynski '55 and Ruth Judd Ritter '54 get reacquainted as Stanley Mokrzynski looks on.



(FORT MYERS) Jack Alexander, Tony Fiamingo '73, Steve Besse, Ken Lee '48, and Rod Kelchner (retired MU President).



(NAPLES) Standing: Rebecca Bair, Denise Berg, Bernie Sabol. Seated: Joan and Rod Kelchner.



(SARASOTA) Seated: Marjorie Perkins Costello '63, Helene Trimborn Messner '64, Donna Congdon Mokrzynski '55, Ruth Judd Ritter '54, Julia Wertz Googins '53, Beverly Evans Dunham '50. Standing: Rebecca Bair, Jane Stanton, Donald Stanton '53, Charles Costello, Bill Messner '64, Stanley Mokrzynski, Bob Rodine '52, President Maravene Loeschke, Mary Jones Rodine '50, Dick Gillespie, Steve Besse, Denise Berg.



(NAPLES) Standing: Ben Truax '58, Bill Barto '58. Seated: Gail Fitzwater Truax '60, Grace Truax (attended Mansfield Normal 1925-1927), Marcia Barto.



(NAPLES) Standing: Andy Carola '53, Marilyn Daron Young '51. Seated: Teresa Carola, Marjorie Cole Lee '44, Ken Lee '48.



(SARASOTA) Seated: Dorothy McCabe Gordon '54, Linda Dix Lee '61, Sara Riley, Ann Mikos Dougherty '80, Susan Miller, Barbara Major Rogers '58. Standing: Catharine Williams Whitner '53, Arden Smith, Lew Lee '62, Mackenzie Riley, Jay Riley '94, Steve Dougherty, Jarrett Miller '57 and Ralph Rogers '58.



(GOLF IN FT. MYERS) Blaise Alexander, Richie Mase, Sylvia Mase, and Pete Guidi.



Mansfield alumni and friends gathered in Clarks Summit, PA on April 12.

ALUMNI GATHER IN SCRANTON

Alumni from Scranton, Wilkes Barre, and surrounding northeastern Pennsylvania counties got together for the first time in many, many years, for a reception on April 12 at the Inn at Nichols Village in Clarks Summit.

Approximately 50 alumni and friends had a great time catching up with old friends, making new friends, sharing stories and sharing lots and lots of great memories.

"There ain't no party like a Scranton party, especially with MU alumni," Marirose Murphy '79 said. "And boy did we party!" "The gathering included alumni from the 1950's through 2003, Greeks from ZTA, AST, Sig Tau, and Kappa, and retired faculty," Murphy reported.

The new sprint football program was introduced. Baskets that were made and donated by the planning committee were raffled off with the money raised being donated to the student emergency fund.

"Feedback from all those who attended was unanimous," Murphy said. "Great food, great time, great party, awesome!"

"So from the planning committee, to those who came, thanks for your support," she added. "It was great to see you. Hope to see you again in the spring. And to those of you who couldn't make it, for whatever reason, you really missed a great time. Hope to see you at the next one." Plans are being formulated for another gathering in 2009. Look for details in the next *Mansfieldian*.

Homecoming Schedule

Friday, October 3

6 a.m. - 11 p.m. • KELCHNER FITNESS CENTER OPEN Usage is free to Mansfield University Alumni during Homecoming Weekend. Call 570-662-4234 for racquetball reservations. To learn more, visit the Fitness Center website: www.mansfield.edu/~fitness/

7:45 a.m. - 5 p.m. • NORTH HALL LIBRARY OPEN

8 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. • SOUTH HALL OPEN

8 a.m. - 4 p.m. • CAMPUS BOOKSTORE OPEN • Alumni Hall Student Ctr. MU alumni receive a 20% Homecoming discount on clothing & MU logo items!

8 a.m. • HOMECOMING GOLF TOURNAMENT • Corey Creek Golf Club Shotgun start at 8:45 a.m. Proceeds benefit MU Athletic Scholarships. \$100 nonmember/\$85 member of Corey Creek Golf Club – includes all fees, lunch and beverages. Lots of contests and great prizes! Contact your friends and form a foursome or contact us and we'll arrange a foursome. If you or your company is interested in becoming a sponsor or donating a prize contact Roger Maisner, Director of Athletics: 570-662-4636 or maisner@mansfield.edu or Kris Decker: kfalk@mansfield.edu or 570-662-4466.

5:15 p.m. • HALL OF FAME RECEPTION, DINNER AND INDUCTION CEREMONY • North Dining, Manser Reception: 5:15 p.m., Dinner: 6:00 p.m. Reservations required. Cost is \$20 per person.

2008 INDUCTEES:

Mark Doherty '95, Football, Track • Joe Harrington '50, Football, Basketball
Gretchen Reschke '02, Field Hockey • Richard Sabec '93, Basketball

9 p.m. • BONFIRE, PEP RALLY and FIREWORKS • Water Tower

Saturday, October 4

8 - 10 a.m. • GUIDED TOURS OF SOUTH HALL • Enter from Academy St.

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. • CAMPUS BOOKSTORE OPEN • Alumni Hall Student Ctr. MU alumni receive a 20% Homecoming discount on clothing & MU logo items! mansfieldbookstore.com

9 a.m. - 9 p.m. • KELCHNER FITNESS CENTER OPEN

10 a.m. • HOMECOMING PARADE • Main Street

10:45 a.m. - 1 p.m. • ALUMNI TENT PARTY • Water Tower

Free MU logo item to first 300 MU Alumni! Bring the kids – we'll have activities to entertain them while you enjoy the picnic lunch and visit with friends. You'll be treated to a performance by The Spirit and The Pride of Pennsylvania Mountie Marching Band! Reservations appreciated.

12 p.m. - 5 p.m. • NORTH HALL LIBRARY OPEN

1:00 p.m. • MOUNTIES SPRINT FOOTBALL vs. UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA • Van Norman Field

12:30 p.m.: Pre-game introduction of the 2008 MU Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame inductees. Half-time: Homecoming Queen/King Coronation and performance by The Spirit and The Pride of Pennsylvania Mountie Marching Band.

1:30 p.m. • MU WOMEN'S SOCCER vs. LOCK HAVEN • Soccer Field, Upper Campus

2 - 4 p.m. • GUIDED TOURS OF SOUTH HALL • Enter from Academy St.

2 p.m. • MU ALUMNI BASEBALL GAME • Shaute Field FOLLOWED BY A GATHERING AT COREY CREEK. For more information contact Head Coach Harry Hillson: hhillson@mansfield.edu or 570-662-4457.

7 p.m. • PRISM CONCERT • Steadman Theatre, Butler

This unique concert features most MU music ensembles and includes a variety of music. For reservations or more information: sachey@mansfield.edu or 570-662-4710 or visit <http://music.mansfield.edu> and click on the calendar of events to order tickets online.

Sunday, October 5

11 a.m. • 5K FUN RUN AND 2K WALK • Mansfield Bike Path

(behind CVS on N. Main St.) For more information contact Amy Letts at 570-662-4865 or aletts@mansfield.edu

1 - 11 p.m. • NORTH HALL LIBRARY OPEN

2 - 10 p.m. • KELCHNER FITNESS CENTER OPEN

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For reservations or more information: sachey@mansfield.edu or 570-662-4710 or visit <http://music.mansfield.edu> and click on the calendar of events to order tickets online.



Kappa Kappa Psi 40th Anniversary Celebration!

The Epsilon Iota chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi music fraternity will celebrate its 40th anniversary during Homecoming 2008. All members are invited to attend a BBQ, meet and greet, banquet and other activities that are planned. For more information or to RSVP call Marissa Chirillo at 267-994-0638 or chirillm@mounties.mansfield.edu

Homecoming Registration Form

For more information please call: 888-305-6505
or email: alumni2@mansfield.edu

To register, please complete and return this form
by **September 26** to:

Alumni Relations Office, Mansfield University
516 North Hall, Mansfield, PA 16933

Name _____

Maiden Name _____ Class Year _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Email _____

Please list who will be attending with you and their class year if a Mansfield alum: _____

☐ Check enclosed payable to: **MUF, Inc. – Homecoming**

☐ Please bill my credit card: ☐ MC ☐ Visa

Card # _____ Exp. date _____

Signature _____

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

HOMECOMING GOLF TOURNAMENT

_____ of reservations x \$ _____ = \$ _____
\$100 nonmember / \$85 member of Corey Creek Golf Club

HALL OF FAME DINNER & INDUCTION

_____ of reservations x \$20 = \$ _____
_____ Chicken # _____ Beef

Please note that reservations for the Hall of Fame dinner will be accepted until capacity is reached, which may be earlier than the September 26 deadline.

If you are attending to support a particular Hall of Fame inductee, please include his/her name here: _____

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

ALUMNI TENT PARTY

_____ of reservations @ \$4 pp = \$ _____

TOTAL = \$ _____

If you must cancel your reservations for any of the above events, please inform the Alumni office at 888-305-6505.

Thank you for helping us manage our costs!

Off Campus Accommodations

LOCAL

Comfort Inn
1-800-822-5470

Crossroads Bed & Breakfast
1-800-661-3581

Mansfield Inn
1-800-918-8333

Oasis
(570) 659-5576

West's Motel
1-800-995-9378

Star Crest
(570) 659-5828

WELLSBORO

Arvgarden B&B
(570) 724-4337

LaBelle Auberge B&B
(866) 250-8117

LaPetite Auberge B&B
(866) 250-8117

Penn Wells Hotel or Lodge

1-800-545-2446

Sherwood Motel
1-800-626-5802

BLOSSBURG

Mountain Laurel B&B
570-638-0328

Make your reservations early!

Homecoming



2008

2008 Society of Honors

The Alumni Association annually honors alumni for outstanding achievements in four categories. Awards are presented during a special luncheon on Alumni Weekend. If you know of a deserving alumnus, please use the nomination form on page 18, the online form available on the Alumni website at www.mansfield.edu or contact Denise Berg, director of alumni relations at dberg@mansfield.edu or 570-662-4853.

This year's honorees are as follows:

The Alumni Citation Award (Est. 1969)

ROBERT J. WALTERS '73. The Alumni Citation Award recognizes contributions to society through professional, civic, and philanthropic work and leadership activities. Walters earned his BA in Human Relations in 1973 and relocated to Florida in 1978 where he taught and coached at Melbourne Central Catholic H.S. He earned a Master's in Human Resources Management from Florida Institute of Technology in 1986 and is certified for life as a Senior Professional in Human Relations. Walters has taught graduate level classes in human resources, organizational development and labor relations at Florida Tech and Webster University. He served four years on the board of directors of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Brevard County, including two years as president, and has served as a member of the Take Stock in Children Advisory Council for the Brevard Schools Foundation. Walters co-authored the American Society for Healthcare Human Resources Administration (ASHHRA) Disaster Preparedness Manual, published in May, 2007 and distributed throughout the U.S. He was selected as ASHHRA's "Leader Profile of the Quarter" and was featured in an issue of Pulse Magazine. Currently, Walters is the corporate director of human resource operations for Health First, a 6,600 employee integrated healthcare delivery system in Melbourne, FL. He was recongized by Health First as a "world class leader" based on the Gallup national database, and in 2007 he was presented with the President's Award; Health First's highest management honor. He was recently named Florida's "Human Resources Professional of the Year" presented by the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) State Council. Walters has served in leadership positions within SHRM, including Florida state director, Florida state human resource conference chairperson, and chapter president. An avid bluegrass musician, Walters has performed at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, TN. He and his wife Susan reside in Melbourne, FL. They have three children, Bonnie, Brooke and Blake.

The Elsie Burk Service Award (Est. 1983)

BARBARA GAMBLE SHENK '66. The Elsie Burk Service Award recognizes outstanding leadership, loyalty and service to Mansfield University. Barbara Shenk discovered her passion for teaching and learning while a student at Mansfield, where she earned a BS in home economics education in 1966. She earned her Master's of Education from Penn State and completed additional graduate work at Marywood College and Indiana University of Pennsylvania. For over 30 years, Shenk taught family and consumer sciences at Hempfield H.S. in Lancaster County, PA. She also served as the department supervisor from 1982 until her retirement in 1998. Shenk was a member of the Alumni Board of Directors from 1998 to 2004, serving as president and vice president and on numerous committees including the alumni house committee, the alumni weekend committee, the homecoming committee and chair of the membership committee. Shenk was instrumental in helping to develop a strategic business plan for the Board that continues to guide the Alumni Board's efforts. Shenk has attended regional Admissions receptions and presented MU scholarship certificates to Lancaster area high school seniors. She has assisted with Alumni Weekend and Homecoming events, was the alumni guest speaker for the 2002 Graduation Celebration Brunch. Shenk is also an active member in her community and has served as president and vice president of the Lancaster County Family and Consumer Sciences Association. She was recognized as one of five "Most Outstanding Home Economics Teachers" in the U.S. in 1994 by the American Home Baking Association. She received the Outstanding Educator Award from Philadelphia College of Textiles and Science in 1995, and the MU Distinguished Educator Award ion 1998. She resides in Lititz, PA with her husband, John.

The Distinguished Educator Award (Est. 1986)

DR. FRED R. ROSETTI '70. The Distinguished Educator Award recognizes outstanding service, dedication and leadership to education. While a student at Mansfield, Fred Rosetti was the president of Phi Sigma Kappa. After



MU President Maravene Loeschke (center) with Society of Honors inductees (L-R) Dr. Fred R. Rosetti '70, Barbara Gamble Shenk '66, Dolores A. Stafford '87 and Robert J. Walters '73.

graduating with his BS in elementary education, he began his career in the Scranton School District, teaching at the William Prescott School #38. Rosetti earned a Master's Degree in Education from the University of Scranton in 1973 and went on to complete the requirements for the elementary principal's certificate in 1974.

He served as the Valley View School District Elementary School principal for 15 years. Rosetti completed the requirements for Secondary Administration and the Superintendent's Letter of Eligibility in 1983 from Lehigh University.

In 1990, he accepted the assistant executive director position for the Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit (NEIU). He completed the Doctor of Education program for educational leadership at Southeastern University in 1993. In 1998 he was elected and still serves as executive director of NEIU. Rosetti is an active member of multiple committees that include the President's task force for the School of Education at Keystone College. He is also a 25-year board member and past president of the Lackawanna County Library Board of Trustees and serves as a board member for the Client Advisory Board for Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Northeastern Pennsylvania. He was president of the Pennsylvania Association of Intermediate Units, as well as a board member for the Pennsylvania Bureau of Corrections where he chaired the Prison Industries Committee. Rosetti has presented at local, regional and state conferences. Rosetti is also a part-time faculty member in the Graduate School of Education at Wilkes University. He and his wife, Kathleen reside in Archbald, PA and are the parents of two daughters, Danielle and Marni.

The Outstanding Young Alumni Award (Est. 1986)

DOLORES A. STAFFORD '87. The Outstanding Young Alumni Award is given for outstanding professional performance, achievements and leadership to those who have graduated in the last 25 years. While a student at Mansfield University, Stafford played on the women's basketball team and was an active member of Alpha Sigma Tau. After graduating with her BA in Criminal Justice Administration in 1987, she completed the work toward a Master's Degree in Education from Bucknell University. Stafford has been a member of the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA) since 1990, and served on its board of directors from 2000 through 2005. In 1999 Stafford was selected to represent IACLEA during the negotiated rule making process, sponsored by the Department of Education, regarding the development of final rules for the implementation of the Clery Act. She is a recognized expert on compliance with the Clery Act and has served as the chair of the IACLEA Accreditation Commission since 2005. From 2003-2004, she served as the first female President of the IACLEA. Stafford has served as the Chief of Police at The George Washington University in Washington, D.C, for 16 years. Under her direction there has been a decrease in crime, improved detection of behavioral incidents, as well as increased community participation in the University's Police Department safety and security efforts. Stafford has won numerous accolades for her 24 years of service in the law enforcement field. She won the "Breaking the Glass Ceiling" award in 2002, in honor of her ongoing contributions to improving the law enforcement profession. In 2004, she was honored by the European Association for Campus Security for her expertise and achievements in campus security. In 2006, the Campus Safety Magazine developed a prestigious "Campus Safety Director of the Year" Award, and Stafford was named the first recipient in March, 2007. She resides in Washington, D.C.

Mansfield University, Heard Straight from the Horse's Mouth

They say the best and most reliable way to hear a story is to hear it “straight from the horse’s mouth”. The greatest way for a potential student to learn the Mansfield University story is to hear it from an alumnus. Alumni from across the region shared their MU stories with potential students over the past year by joining the admissions staff at numerous college fairs and receptions, participating in the postcard campaign and presenting local

• The following alumni helped the admissions staff at regional recruitment receptions:

BETHLEHEM, PA
Dana Peters Huber '01
Ryan Manning '00
Ellen Fischer Marx '76
Richard Miller '84

CORNING, NY
Beverly Wilber Evans '69, '71
Harland Evans '64, '69
Richard Kimble '89, '94
Bonelyn Lugg Kyofski '62
Amanda Peloke '07

Harrisburg, PA
Nicole Ruth Tobias '03
Jerome Wood '77, '78

LEWISBURG, PA
Carol Himmelreich Brann '60
Brian Ulmer '05
Stephanie Adams Ulmer '04

PHILADELPHIA, PA
Barbara King '78
Kenneth Okugbeni '05

READING, PA
Kari Long '04

ROCHESTER, NY
Sarah Fischer '03

SAYRE, PA
Harland Evans '64, '69

SCRANTON, PA
MayBelle Golis '49

WILLIAMSPORT, PA
Amy DuPree Brooks '80
Justin Fink '07
Bridget Irwin '07
Nicole Ruth Tobias '03
Brian Ulmer '05
Stephanie Adams Ulmer '04
Carol Watson '78

high school seniors with Mansfield University scholarship certificates. By volunteering to share their MU experiences and spread the word on their alma mater, they played a vital role in the recruitment of quality students. The admissions and alumni office staff extends their gratitude to those alumni, who are listed below.

• The following alumni assisted with the postcard campaign to potential students:

Theresa Over Albury
Jared Barden '03
Margaret Spearly Bauer '73
Stacy Haugh Billet '98
Charles Brennan '76
Leah Bush '03
Kimberly Cardone '04
Andrew Carola '53
Olga Chernetskaya '06
Colin Coleman '04
Kristen Connor '06
Donna Baier Dorey '72
Victor Fields '81
Sarah Fischer '03
Suzanne Gianquitti '95
Stefanie Armstrong Greenawalt '04
Rita Norton Hall '04
Jody Maida Hare '98, '02
Dana Peters Huber '01
Sarah Stow Kelley '07

Barb King '78
Jennifer Russell Landis '92
Amy Empet Langham '96
Suzanne Yeager Litzenberger '01
Ryan Manning '00
Anita Martin Marino '94
Geralyn Mitchell '05, '07
Laura Frederick Nagorny '93
Barry Peters '70
Diana Rizzo Petlock '04
Sharhonda Pointer '96
John Quashnoc '70
Tim Rooney '88
Christine Martino Shaal '98
Barbara Gamble Shenk '66
Rachel Matulewicz-Staub '01
Maria Trego '03
Krista Tyner '04
Thomas Vought '81
Che Wankie '04
Carol Watson '78

• The following alumni presented Mansfield University scholarship certificates to seniors at high schools throughout Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey:

Tammy Johnston Chimics '97, Troy High School
Bobbi Jo Egresitz '08, Spring Grove Area High School
Beverly Wilber Evans '69, '71, Horseheads High School (NY)
Sarah Brown Everett '66, Bishop McDevitt High School
Jessica Friedlander '99, Canton High School
Rachelle Grace Hays '91, Bedford High Sschool
Marianne Davis Hennip '78, Northeast Bradford High School
Ann Richardson Hockin '75, Wilson Area High School
Alanna Rice Huck '99, Coudersport Junior /Senior High School
Mary Ferguson Keller '82, Florence Township High School (NJ)
Jeffrey Lafrance '81, Wyalusing Valley High School
Catherine Schenck Myers '69, Donegal High School
Jane Hurd Perkins '85, Oswayo Valley High School
Jessica Pettie '08, Williamson High School
Connie Palmatier Plummer '80, Cowanesque Valley High School
Alison Tagliaferri '06, Jersey Shore High School
Carolyn Tomb Van Etten '72, '04, Northern Potter High School
Glenda Witmer Wolfe '75, Danville Senior High School



• If you are interested in helping Mansfield University recruit its future alumni, please contact Tracey Dukert at 888-305-6505 or tdukert@mansfield.edu.

Legacy Society

CONTACT: (570) 662-4292 or web: <http://www.mnsfld.edu/%7Ealumni/legacysociety.pdf>

☐ I have remembered the Mansfield University Foundation, Inc. in my estate plans and would like to become a member of the Legacy Society.

☐ I would like to remember the Mansfield University Foundation, Inc. in my estate plans and would like more information at no obligation.

☐ I would like to receive information concerning the following:

- General Estate Planning
- Living Trusts
- Charitable Remainder Unitrusts
- Retained Life Estate (Personal Residence)
- Charitable Remainder Annuity Trusts
- How to Establish a Scholarship Fund
- Charitable Gift Annuities
- Charitable Bequests
- Life Insurance

CLIP AND MAIL TO:
Mansfield University Foundation Inc., Alumni House, Mansfield, PA 16933

NAME _____
CLASS YEAR _____
ADDRESS _____
TELEPHONE _____ E-MAIL _____
DATE _____





From Your Alumni Director

We've moved! To increase outreach the Office of Alumni Relations has relocated to a more visible and welcoming location at 516 North Hall. We've also added a toll-free phone number to make contacting our office a bit easier 1-888-305-6505. Some of the first guests to visit us at our new location were unexpected, but we were thrilled to welcome their return to North Hall! The seven ladies (pictured) from the Class of 1965 met their freshman year when they all lived on the fourth floor of North Hall. They have remained close friends for more than 45 years, getting together at one another's homes or a hotel and frequently joined by their children and/or spouses. This year they decided to have a girl's-only get-together and reunite in Mansfield!



Class of 1965 reunites in North Hall. Row one: Norma Franzen Losch. Row two: Virginia Keller Stanton, Ruth Loch Polger, Margie Russell Newton. Row three: Nancy Kime Wenschhof, Sue Deardorff Osterman, Linda Harbaugh Shriver.

More than 350 alumni and friends returned to Mansfield to celebrate **Alumni Weekend 2008**, June 12 – 14. **Retired faculty** renewed friendships at Saturday's luncheon and reunion classes with years ending in 3 and 8 received special recognition. The **Class of 1958** enjoyed sharing memories and getting caught up on the last 50 years during their class meeting. The Golden Anniversary class was warmly received as they entered Saturday's luncheon to "Pomp and Circumstance." Forty-two of the known living class members (40%) attended the special celebration, and 77 class members (73%) made a contribution to the class gift — an endowed scholarship fund. The Class of 1958 was proud to present President Loeschke with a check for **\$50,790** to fund the scholarship. A heartfelt "thank you" to all the volunteers who shared their time and talents to make the weekend so interesting and enjoyable! For more on Alumni Weekend see page 13 and Society of Honors see page 6. Alumni Weekend 2009 is scheduled for **June 11 – 13** and Home Economics majors are tentatively planning some special activities. If you are interested in helping, contact Tracey Dukert in the Alumni Office.



Members of the Class of 1958 gathered to celebrate their 50th reunion at Alumni Weekend 2008. **Row one:** Leonard Yaudes, Ralph Rogers, Robert Keenan, Robert Seelye, Gary Enderle, Gary Swimley, Carlton LeTourneau. **Row two:** Carol Birth Burrows, Marjorie Brodrick Rex, JoAnne Worden Cooney, Helen Chumard Ward, Nancy Simons Snyder, Ellen Judson Foust, Barbara Jones McAuley, Jean Wildermuth Shiskin, Jane Ramson Brown, Mary Welch Valentinelli, Carol Fitch Hall. **Row three:** Joanne Sharpless Cruse, Barbara Major Rogers, Carol Bailey Dibble, Pauline Rice Neal, Lenora Saxton Woodard, Virginia Trautschold Williams, Anna Carlson Moore, Jeanette Albee Edgar, Albert Wheeler, Jiggs McHale, Charles Heller. **Row four:** Bennie Truax, Bill Barto, Steve Neal, George Beyer, Melvin Woodard, Jon Peterson, Richard Warters, Joe Murphy, Edward Polcyn, Hurst Mitten, Thomas Hannon. In attendance but not pictured: Shirley Carter Held and Tallie Marsh.

Please make plans to join us on campus this fall for **Homecoming** October 3-5 when "History Sprints Ahead." We have some new activities planned that we hope you'll enjoy. See page 5 for complete information and to register!



On behalf of the Class of 1958, John "Jiggs" McHale presents President Loeschke with a check to fund an endowed scholarship.

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Mansfield, PA 16933
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Alumni Association Leadership

The Alumni Association Board of Director's summer meeting was held on June 14 in conjunction with Alumni Weekend. During the meeting the board recognized the following members who are "retiring" from the board after six year of service: **Barbara A. King '78** and **MayBelle Woodin Golis '49**. Barb served as president for the most recent two years. **John E. McHale '58**, **Timothy M. Mulroy '03**, **John J. Quashnoc '70** and **William A. Walsh '78** will continue to serve on the board and were recognized for completing three years of service. The board extends a warm welcome to newly selected board member **Richard A. Miller '84**, principal planner for the county of Warren (Pen Argyl, PA). Congratulations to the following board members who were elected or re-elected to leadership positions: **Jerome P. Wood '77 '78**, president (Mechanicsburg, PA), **John J. Quashnoc '70**, first vice president (Hanover, PA) and **Amy Dupree Brooks '80** (Avis, PA), second vice president.

The 18-member volunteer board promotes and supports the mutual interests and successes of the university and its alumni. Two of the primary objectives of the board are to assist the admissions department in the recruitment of quality students and to foster fellowship, loyalty and commitment of MU alumni through a variety of programs, benefits and events.

If you are interested in being considered as a board member and sharing your time and talents, please contact Denise Berg, Director of Alumni Relations, at 570-662-4853 or dberg@mansfield.edu.

Alumni & Friends Come Travel With Us ~



The PASSHE Alumni & Friends Travel Program trips are designed to give you the comfort of traveling with a group, along with the freedom to do things on your own. The special values of travel programs are available to friends, relatives and colleagues — please share the information! For more information and complete itineraries visit www.alumnivacations.com. For reservations and pricing from alternate cities call 1-800-506-7447.

10-night Canary Islands & Morocco Cruise December 10 - 21, 2008

Brighten up the early days of winter and bask in the warm glow of Spain's most celebrated cities. Ports of call include: Casablanca and Agadir (Morocco), Las Palmas (Canary Island), Funchal (Madeira Islands, Portugal), Granada and Barcelona (Spain). Prices start at \$2110 pp dbl occupancy and include one night pre-cruise in a 4-star Barcelona hotel, 9-night cruise, roundtrip airfare from Harrisburg, Philadelphia or Pittsburgh, all transfers, government fees and fuel supplement.

7-night Southern Caribbean Cruise January 25 - February 1, 2009

Experience the breathtaking crystal blue waters and white, sandy beaches of the Southern Caribbean. Ports of call include: San Juan, Puerto Rico, Aruba, Bonaire, Netherlands Antilles, Grenada, Dominica and St. Thomas (USVI). Prices start at \$1340 pp dbl occupancy and include roundtrip airfare from Philadelphia or Pittsburgh, all transfers, 7-night cruise, all taxes, government fees and fuel surcharges (subject to change), all meals and entertainment on-board ship, 24-hour room service, private cocktail parties and commemorative photo DVD.

10-day Tulips and Windmills River Cruise April 7 - 17, 2009

This ultimate 10-day journey through the Low Countries is highlighted with Holland's annual floral splendor. Ports of call include: Amsterdam, Hoorn, Volendam, Arnhem, Dordrecht, Brussels, Antwerp, Brugge, Middleburg, Delta Works, Rotterdam and Keukenhof Gardens. Pricing starts at \$1799 cruise only and includes port charge and taxes. Roundtrip airfare from Philadelphia or Pittsburgh is estimated at \$1000 pp.

10-night Gems of the Baltic Cruise July 2 - 12, 2009

Sailing round-trip from Copenhagen, Denmark, ports include Warnemunde, Germany (with optional excursion offered to Berlin); Tallinn, Estonia; St. Petersburg, Russia (for 2 days); Helsinki, Finland; Stockholm, Sweden and Kiel, Germany (with optional excursion to Hamburg). Prices start at \$1939 pp (cruise only); airfare should be confirmed after September. Also featured: a one or two-night pre-cruise package in Copenhagen.

7-night Bermuda Cruise August 9 - 16, 2009

Enjoy the sun, tropical climate and beauty of Bermuda. Sail round-trip from New York to Bermuda on this 7-night cruise, featuring 3 full days in Bermuda. Prices start at \$999 pp (cruise only).

Phonathon Dials Up Alumni Support

From April 18 through June 5, a total of 42 Mansfield University students camped out in the basement of Retan and manned the phones to raise money for the Mansfield University Foundation's Annual Fund. The Foundation's Annual Fund supports scholarships and other educational programming at the University.

At the end of the period, the student callers had placed 12,547 calls and raised \$151,000 in pledges with more donations arriving through the mail.

This year's phonathon differed from past years in that it was targeted to reaching younger alumni who graduated from 1996-2006 as opposed to parents and friends. Larry Mansfield '83, president of the Mansfield Foundation, said next year the Foundation plans to hold two phonathons to support the University, one in the fall and again in the spring.

Josh Abbott	Megan Fox	Maria Hill	Heather Kenes	Maria Orr	Ashley Spencer
Elizabeth Burnett	Ashlee Frederick	Joshua Horning	Elizabeth Lloyd	Dorsea Palmer	Lacy Stocum
Lea Checchio	Courtney Greenwalt	Ryan Howe	Jessica Lohmann	Brianne Park	Jacqueline Starnowsky
Gregory Cooper	Joseph Gridley	Shanna Hubbs	Alicia Madden	Christina Paulin	Halley Walters
Tiara Council	Sarah Groat	Rebecca Ingalls	Lloyd Mordan	Megan Ruby	Tara Warrick
Elizabeth Crull	Brett Hagstrom	Solomon Isom	Kelly Mulhern	Kathryn Sanders	Jessica Wray
Mary Debach	Alicia Hallock	Derek Keifer	Danielle Muller	Amber Sheridan	Kevin Wright

While working the phones, the students were able to get career advice from their seasoned predecessors. "I have talked to some business and math education majors and they have given me some pointers and encouragement," said Rebecca Ingalls, a math major.

"Some of the alumni are really excited to let you know what's going on in their lives as far as their careers and their endeavors," said Maria Orr, a music major. "It's just interesting to hear some of their stories. It's really nice to talk to people who are positive," said Mary Debach, a music major.

Students also enjoyed the satisfaction of setting a goal and raising money for the University as a way of giving back. It's good because I'm here on scholarship," said one caller. "So it gives other students like me the opportunity to come to MU."

More than 5,143 alumni responded positively to the phonathon — 2,265 made pledges over the phone and asked to be sent more information. The Advancement division was also able to update information for more than 917 alumni in its database.

Ashely Spencer, a senior, said "It's nice to see people give, because it means they're happy with their education."

• For more information on the MUF phonathons, please contact Rebecca Bair, Director of Development at (570)662-4294 or email rbair@mansfield.edu.

"The goal is to increase alumni participation," Mansfield said. "The phonathon is a great way for us to reach out to our alumni and give them the opportunity to help support the college and the scholarship programs. It's also a wonderful tool for us to gather information about their careers and personal achievements and the alumni love to share MU stories with the student callers and learn more about the college."

Much of the phonathon's success depended on the participation of the student callers including:



The Best of the Best, continued from page 1

you, Dr. Dettwiler! You pushed us to our fullest potential and took us to new levels of musical highs. We are here because of you and I am so grateful!"

Derek Keifer, a junior from Mifflinburg, PA said, "This competition has been an absolutely amazing experience. I believe it has truly brought out the best in every member of this choir."

"Well, we finally reached our full potential," Abby VanGorden, a sophomore from Port Alleghany, PA said. "Yes, it is awesome that we won, but for me the bonding within the choir and the unity in our singing is the most important thing."

For most in the group, the gala concert where the winning ensembles performed was the final seal of approval.

"They really became the darlings of the Olympics," Monkelién said. The Concert Choir performed after the Mansfieldians in the Concert of Champions. "As the students walked around the auditorium, which held about 10,000 people, applause followed them all the way around as they went back to their seats. You could tell that they won the crowd," Monkelién said.

"The closing ceremony was incredible," sophomore Emily Vermillion from Dale City, VA said. "Every choir that watched us gave applause for the longest time. So many countries appreciated the music we performed. What a rush! It shows us that we truly are a great choir, no matter what we say."

"Words can't even give the emotions during these past few days," Laura LeBlanc, a senior from Lititz, PA wrote in her journal. "Singing these amazing songs to their full potential with people I'll never forget in a place I'll always remember. Seeing our flag go up and singing our national anthem twice was unbelievable. This place is amazing, the people so receptive, it has been more than fantastic for us. What an experience!"

Stefan June, a sophomore from Williamsport, PA, kept a blog at xanga.com/mansfieldconcertchoir, during the trip.



The Concert Choir rehearses a combined number with the Weidling Choir for their first concert at Klosterneuberg, an elegant cathedral and monastery south of Vienna, Austria.



The full concert choir leads the singing of the Star Spangled Banner as the US flag is raised and the choir is awarded the champion gold medal with a score of 92 points for their competition performances.



Dr. Cheryl Monkelién directs the Mansfieldians in their gold medal performance at the Concert of the Champions in the Stadthalle in Graz, Austria.



The choir and "wise ones" gather at St. Mark's Square in Venice, Italy before touring the palace. The pigeons in the square enjoy swooping over the heads of the tourists.

After the awards ceremony his entry read, "Aside from the points and titles we have had the pleasure of sharing many amazing connections with our audiences here at the World Choir Games. There were so many moments when we were walking the streets of Graz and other choirs would break out in applause! It has been so touching to share relationships with so many different people from all around the world. That is the real purpose of these choir games--singing together brings nations together — we have shared so many moments on this trip that we will be talking about for a very long time!"

That was the message Dettwiler delivered before the venture overseas.

"We talk a lot about being ambassadors for Mansfield and the U.S.A.," she said. "We try to emphasize leadership as we gather together for something like this. We want to do well in the competition but we talk about winning the hearts of the audience rather than necessarily winning a medal because this is what is so rewarding about going to these things. You have thousands of people in the audience and they're all there because they love choral music."

The trip included plenty of chances for sight-seeing, as well the opportunity to perform in a friendship concert in Leibnitz, Austria and at a Mass at Saint Mark's Basilica in Venice, Italy.

They were exciting opportunities as Kellie Barbato, a senior from Henrietta, NY pointed out. "That's where Haydn and Beethoven were court composers for years and it was an honor to sing there and in Saint Mark's Basilica as part of a Mass."

For Ruthanna Jo Williams, a senior from Newfoundland, PA, this was second European trip with the choir. "I love languages and we get to hear other choirs from all over," she said. "They inspire you and amaze you all at the same time."

Ryan Howe was also a European trip veteran. "To experience the culture is amazing and musically these competitions are fantastic," the senior from Milroy, PA said. "It's a religious experience to get to sing with all these people who you couldn't strike up a conversation with if you tried, even if you had eight dictionaries in your hand."

"But," he concluded, "it doesn't matter because you're all there for music."



ed in the Graz Stadthalle during the medal ceremony. The choir received

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The choir and directors were very busy rehearsing, so the adults had the luxury of taking small side tours with the tour director, Peter Swan, or “Pee’- taah”, as the students called him, mimicking his British accent. He had guided a previous tour and was with us by special request. Several other adults had been on previous tours and told me to go along on whatever he planned, as it was always special. I’m so glad I took their advice. The very first day we took a tour of the formal palace museum and happened upon the arrival of the President of the Ukraine, who was greeted by a marching band and a small military parade in the courtyard of the palace.

Dr. Dettwiler and Dr. Monkeliën had spent the morning rehearsing the students, who had only sung together once in the two months prior to the tour. There was a sense that they would need to work quickly to be ready to compete at the World Choral Games in Graz just two days later. Late in the day, we all boarded the bus for Klosterneuberg, a grand cathedral and monastery south of Vienna that was also a cultural performance center. Walking into the sanctuary, we were all stunned by the incredible beauty of the place. The rose-colored marble and gilded decorations were the most elegant I had ever seen. The students quickly took their places to have a quick practice. As they sang their first few notes, you could see their eyes widen in amazement at the sound, which rolled up to the dome and surrounded us. A local choir was sharing the concert with us, the Weilding Choir, in traditional Austrian peasant dress. Their director was quite a colorful character with a delightful sense of humor and immediately put the students at ease.

I don’t know if it was the magic of the setting or the camaraderie of the local choir or just the inherent talent of the group, but the concert that followed was absolutely spellbinding. It felt a bit risky to be starting at such a high point, but the students were clearly on their way. There were murmurings of concern among the adults that that they may have peaked too soon. None of us were ready for the magic of that performance,

and I was beginning to realize that this trip was much more than just a way to see Europe.

Upon arrival in Graz, the students headed off to their first rehearsal, and we adults followed Peter for a walking tour and fabulous views of the city. We joined the choir for their first qualifying round of competition at the Minoritensaal. There were four international judges, one of whom was German, which meant their diction would be heavily scrutinized in the opening piece. At the end of their performance, the judges actually applauded. We later learned that they gave them a “gold 9”, which is one point away from a perfect score. And the rest, as they say, is history.

In performance after performance, the choir continued to share their joy and their amazing talent with their audiences. They had been advised to “sing from the heart”



The students express their gratitude and admiration for Peggy Dettwiler and Cheryl Monkeliën with special gifts and a round of applause at the farewell dinner in Venice, Italy.



way from Vienna to Graz, Austria, the choir stopped at Eisenstadt for a tour and performance in the Haydn Palace, where Joseph Haydn once worked on his music and conducted orchestras for the family’s entertainment.

this incredible experience. The greatest thanks, though, goes to the students. Their professionalism, talent, humility, and sincere love of music left many lasting impressions in the hearts of all who heard them. As they left the stage at the Concert of the Champions, the audience spontaneously applauded all along their route back to their seats.

What a way to spread a message of joy, and what a way to see Europe!

by the director of the Weilding Choir in Vienna, and their genuine enthusiasm and sensitive style were touching the hearts of everyone wherever they performed. I, too, was swept up in the pure joy of their singing. It was no longer just a way to see Europe. All my years as a band parent and a musician myself were eclipsed by the talent of our students. I had sung with many of them in Festival Chorus, and being able to experience their level of talent and commitment was just overwhelming to me. I shed tears at every performance, which made it really difficult to keep taking pictures at some points. Standing on my chair to get the picture of the stars and stripes being raised for our choir, I’ve never been more deeply moved or proud of anyone in my life. This is an achievement the students will have with them always, and it is something none of us will ever forget.

I would like to say a personal thank you to Peggy Dettwiler, Sheryl Monkeliën, my fellow adult travelers and Emily, and to our amazing guides, Peter and Cindy, who all welcomed me and shared

One Stop Shopping comes to Mansfield

What has the convenience of a Super Wal-Mart, the stateliness of a presidential candidate, and the welcome of your favorite aunt? The new South Hall. Offices moved to their new digs in early June and folks have been arranging furniture, hanging pictures and signs, and figuring out the phone system.

South Hall has three floors and stands between Alumni Hall and the President's residence, with the top floor opening onto the mall in the center of campus. Approaching from College Avenue, the west stairwell rises above like a tower, but less intimidating than those ivory ones. More like one from Hogwarts, but where the staircases stay put. And South Hall is part of the campus hub in more than just location.

Student Services Goes South

Immediately off the ground floor entrance are the Admissions Offices. An open foyer greets prospective students and their families along with a waiting room complete with refrigerated beverages. Soon two flat screen televisions will grace the walls, showing MU videos and choir concerts, with a marquee welcoming visitors. A new theater room allows admission counselors to host visitations of up to 64 people without scrambling to book an AV room elsewhere on campus.

Go up one flight of stairs and the first floor boasts Academic and Human Development, which includes counseling, academic advising, athletic mentoring, student support, and tutoring. Students will make appointments at the Learning Center online, and tutoring rooms are designated for specific disciplines, making it easy for students to know where to go. The Center for Counseling Services offices are clustered around a central reception area in a pod. Bill Chabala, director, does not miss their former set up where "we were all in what were essentially old dorm rooms." Now they even have a space for group sessions.

The second floor crowns South Hall with both the Department of Psychology and Enrollment Services. In addition to faculty offices, intimate high tech classrooms, and a computer lab in the psychology wing, the central area integrates the services of financial aid, registrar, and student accounts in a new user-friendly approach.

More Than Just a Pretty Face

Service windows on either side of the hall and a computer kiosk are more than physical details. They represent a major change in student services on campus. Brian Barden, former director of Admissions, spearheaded the effort to create a place where students can take care of "anything having to do with the business arm of the university," as Provost Michael Renner puts it. At peak times, such as the opening of fall semester, eight windows can be open to aid students. An Enrollment Services Representative (ESR) will be available to answer questions about class registration, financial aid, and billing. In order to make this happen, Barden thoroughly researched how other schools have combined student service operations. Then he and his staff tweaked the concept to suit Mansfield.

It took a commitment from all the key players and their staff had to learn processes that were formerly handled by other offices.

This change goes deeper than just the windows—in the office areas behind them, staff members from Financial Aid, the Registrar, and Student Accounts are intermixed so that learning happens even by overhearing how another person addresses a student issue. The goal is quicker customer service. And those calling in will get better service, too, since with the new phone system if lines are busy calls will bounce to the next available ESR.

Extreme Makeover

The original building design was approved about seven years ago. But the commitment was made to go to one-stop shopping after it was bid, when changing the design would have been prohibitive. Two years ago the departments started the process of combining the service arenas, and

is a result more than just the floor plan was altered. "When we were envisioning the area, we found we had to re-engineer our processes, streamline them, adjust job descriptions," explains Renner who gives most of the credit to Barden. "He won't brag," the Provost says, "but he should."

Now, students can do more online than ever before, which will also help keep lines shorter. These tasks, some of which were implemented before the building was complete, include paying online, adding and dropping classes, and submitting forms electronically—including the ability to accept electronic signatures. A kiosk is right outside the service windows so students unfamiliar with a process can learn with an ERS close at hand. And when students come to the window with a complicated situation, they will be ushered into an office for a private meeting.

Having Admissions housed with the rest of student services makes it easier for everyone to do their job. Barden, whose new title is Executive Director of Enrollment Services, appreciates that, rather than running to the south end of campus, colleagues are just a stairwell away. And it's a really nice stairwell. Now when Admissions staff send new students to deal with financial aid or the registrar, they don't have to pull out maps or explain where to move the car.

Can You Hear Me Now?

"We went into this understanding there would be some bumps," Barden admits. "We won't be surprised but we will be in a position to proactively adjust." The first bumps occurred when the Admission team moved in ahead of schedule in order to get systems in place for a summer orientation. After the first day the phones fritzed off and on, but staff were able to check their messages while the kinks were worked out. Initially the air conditioning didn't work either.

Barden was actually in China developing relationships for the exchange program when everyone moved in. He was concerned about not being there to solve problems, but said his staff emailed him not to worry, they were making it work. "Thanks to them it's one of the most pleasant transitions I've gone through.

"We've been running about four weeks now," Barden explains. "The big challenge will be the start of fall semester when 3400 students all hit at one time." His grin says "bring it on."

All in the Family

Both Barden and Renner cite the architecture as a favorite aspect of South Hall. It seems as if it belongs with North Hall. Renner approves of the trend toward a master plan as some of the brick boxes put up quick and cheap when baby boomers were flooding campuses are replaced. "We're not after uniformity, but more like a familial resemblance that makes a sense of place more palpable," he states. "A building that says this is a place where special things happen."

And now the entire family of student services is under one roof. All of this makes the Provost satisfied that everyone involved in the interior and exterior of the building kept focused on the top priority. "South Hall," he declares, "is going to make a positive difference in the day-to-day life of our students."



Director of Enrollment Management Brian Barden greets a prospective student and her parents in front of the new South Hall.



Lori Cass and Melanie Seymour process information for students.

ALUMNI WEEKEND 2008

More than 350 alumni, family and friends returned to campus for Alumni Weekend 2008, June 12-14.



SAA Danelle Miller and Arnold Parker '40 enjoy looking through a Carontawan.

The weekend featured several social events ranging from the always popular Lobsterfest to an Austrian themed dinner to honor the Concert Choir before their trip to Europe—all offering opportunities to renew acquaintances and make new ones. There were also tours of campus, a special presentation by Assistant Professor Nate Rinnert on the history of bands at Mansfield, special performances by the MU Concert Choir and The Mansfieldians, demonstrations of the newly refurbished planetarium by Associate Professor Mike Vayansky and an alumni golf tournament at Corey Creek Golf Club.

"I enjoyed all of the events, especially the concert," Krista Tyner '04 said. "It was nice of the students to return and perform for the weekend."

"The presentation by the concert choir was spectacular," Bob Walters '73 added.

At the concert, honorary alumnus status was awarded to Joe McConnell by the MU Alumni Association.

The special concert concluded with a rousing rendition of "Mansfield Hail!" followed by an Austrian-themed dessert buffet.

The Class of 1958, celebrating its 50th reunion, was this year's honored guests for alumni weekend. Forty-four members of the



The Blue Notes Trio; Jean Wildermuth Shiskin '58, Carole Fitch Hall '58 and Barbara Jones McAuley '58, entertain during the ice cream social.

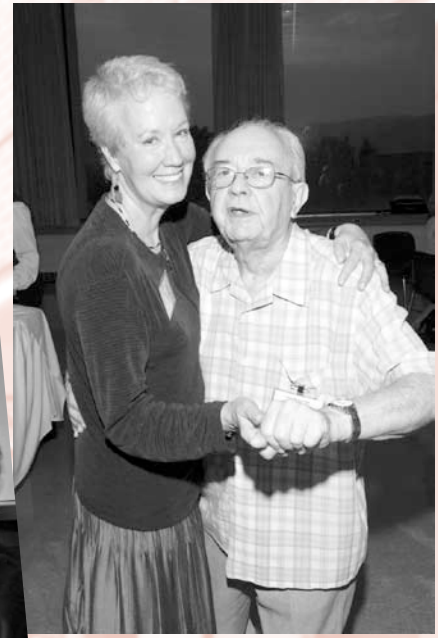
class returned to MU and were recognized at the Alumni Weekend luncheon on Saturday. The Class of '58 endowed a scholarship fund as a special gift to the University.

"My roommate and I talked about how much fun we had, how very well we were treated, the good food, good treats everywhere and the excellent alumni office staff," Pauline Rice Neal '58 said. "All was perfect and we will remember it forever."

"At the time I attended Mansfield University, I didn't realize how special our class really is," Nancy Simons Snyder '58 said.

Also honored at the luncheon were this year's Society of Honors award winners; Robert J. Walters '73 received the Alumni Citation Award, Barbara Gamble Sherk '66 was presented with the Elsie Burk Service Award, and Dolores A. Stafford '87 was named this year's Outstanding Young Alumni. The Distinguished Educator Award was presented to Dr. Fred R. Rosetti '70. For more on this year inductees, see page 6.

"Character, scholarship, culture and service," President Maravene Loeschke told the luncheon



President Maravene Loeschke and Numa Snyder '42 enjoy a dance after the Lobster Fest.

gathering. "That is our creed here and that is what we live here. It is part of our life breath every day. Those values have not changed and I am deeply dedicated to holding onto the excellence in education and the personal values of character, scholarship, culture and service that you hold so dear."

During the luncheon, Director of Alumni Relations Denise Berg acknowledged Barb King '78 for her six years of dedicated service on the Alumni Board of Directors and for her leadership as president.

Numa Snyder '42, who was on hand once again to provide musical entertainment throughout the weekend, had high praise for the Student Alumni Ambassadors, who directed tours and assisted in many other ways throughout the weekend. "I have so much gratitude for the care-giving of the Student Alumni Ambassadors, making it possible for us 'old-timers' to enjoy the weekend's activities," he said.

Another musical highlight of the weekend was the performance by the Blue Notes Trio; Jean Wildermuth Shiskin, Carole Fitch Hall and Barbara Jones McAuley, all from the Class of '58, during Saturday's ice cream social.



Phi Sigma Kappa brothers reunite and play a round of golf at the annual Alumni Weekend golf outing.

Outgoing Alumni Association President Barb King '78 (with microphone) presents a plaque to Joe McConnell (to her left) making him an honorary alumnus as (L-R) Alumni Director Denise Berg, MU President Maravene Loeschke, John "Jiggs" McHale '58, George Beyer '58 and Diana Rizzo Petlock '04 look on.



Alumni, students, staff and friends dine and dance the night away!

• Several **videos** consisting of Alumni Weekend photos have been posted to **YouTube**. To see the videos, go to youtube.com/mansfielduniversity

Training Library Media Specialists Around the World and at Home (Theirs)

How does a small rural university provide top graduate-level training to students from across the globe without them leaving their families and jobs? By utilizing the same cutting-edge technology in which enrolling students seek to become expert. When the School Library & Information Technologies (SL&IT) Master's in Education Program at Mansfield University was developed, under the leadership of former library director Dr. Larry Nesbit, it was the first such program in the country to be offered completely online in the country. Now many other programs offer online degrees for school librarians, but our faculty continues to update course content, keeping MU at the forefront. "By the time other programs started," says Program Chair Cynthia Keller, we had a recognized name with the American Association of School Librarians (AASL)."

Today's Librarian

Where yesterday's children quietly asked their librarian for help with the card catalog, today's children are more likely to ask—speaking up rather than removing their headphones—where the computers are or what the WiFi password is. The information landscape has changed so rapidly that school librarians who wish to be effective must become proficient in new technology, new vocabulary, and new skills. These School Library Media Specialists are simultaneously teachers, collaborators, information specialists, and program administrators. The ability to work with other teachers to plan lessons that utilize appropriate technology differentiates them from a librarian in the private sector.

While the role of a SLMS has grown in importance, there has been a shortage of school librarians nationwide. By the late 1990's many Pennsylvania state schools had discontinued their library programs. Then a core group of Pennsylvania school library leaders was convened by Dr. Nesbit, Debra Kachel, and Dr. James Fogarty to discuss how to structure a program that would address both the outdated pedagogy as well as the shortage of prepared school librarians for the Commonwealth. They decided to design the course content from a student perspective—what students need in order to perform on the job—rather than a faculty perspective—what courses existing faculty members can teach.

Since research showed that students in library programs disliked driving long distances, the group created an online program. While this might seem to be an obvious decision today, in 1998 the software was just emerging that would make this feasible. But it was especially important because the students they were targeting have their teaching credentials and a job. An online Masters in Education with a concentration in SL&IT would allow them to advance in their career without taking time off. The second key decision was to design the courses based on what the AASL publication *Information Power* states an effective school librarian needs to do. Ten core courses and 3 culminating courses were originally developed.

Students have a 100 hour practicum that has them work in their local school district under the supervision of a certified librarian. As Chair, Keller has personal communication with all the practicum supervisors. There is also a new introductory seminar course designed to help students be successful in an online environment and to understand what is required. And from their first day, students begin building an extensive electronic portfolio that they will use professionally.

Best of the Best

Another emphasis of the program from the start was that courses be taught by practitioners. Virtually all of the faculty members have K-12 library experience. Three are full-time, including Keller who was an elementary librarian for 13 years, and then library supervisor for K-12 for 21 more years before she retired from the Chambersburg Area School District. She works from home, coming to campus twice a month for meetings. The other two live in Mansfield and Kentucky. And then there are more than 17 part-time instructors from PA, TX, RI, NY, and WI.

This approach brings administrative challenges but the bonus is that faculty positions are filled with those most qualified without being restricted by geography. "We have the best of the best of school librarians in the

country," Keller declares proudly. They are nationally published scholars and active presenters in their field, including Helen Adams whose book *Ensuring Intellectual Freedom and Access to Information in the School Library Media Program* is due out in September. Adams teaches Access and Legal Issues in the Information Age and is a former president of AASL.

As a result of the faculty being currently employed or recently retired in their field, students gain experience and information immediately applicable, whether they are updating skills or switching careers. Kachel, who teaches School Library Advocacy and Collection Management in the Electronic Age, believes her relationship with the students is better because she understands the real world challenges they face. "Students know we've walked the walk," she explains. "They're not shy about asking us questions. It's a combination of being an instructor and a mentor."

The program is heavily service-oriented. An emphasis is placed on responding to students quickly, usually within 24 hours. All but two courses are offered every semester. Currently there are over 200 students taking classes at a time, and Keller's goal is to add 35 new students every semester. Having taught in a traditional classroom setting at schools such as Penn State, Keller knows there are pluses and minuses to having courses online. It is much more time intensive for faculty, for instance, who are expected to respond to emails all the time, including weekends and holidays, because Keller wants to ensure that students get the one-on-one attention they need even if it is not face-to-face. "I don't think online is for every department," she emphasizes, "and I don't think online is for undergraduates, to be honest. But this program was designed to fill a specific niche."

Most students are K-12 teachers between 35 and 39 years old. They work full-time, care for young children or aged parents, and sometimes have health issues of their own. Retention is hard to calculate because often situations arise that result in a student taking a semester or more off. Though they have a lot of responsibilities, the typical MU student is highly motivated. Upon finishing the program graduates must take the Praxis II test for Library Science. To date 98% have passed.

To Infinity and Beyond

The potential for growth is tremendous because there is no limit to the number of students that can be enrolled. This summer the program just admitted its 1000th student, Krisha Greene from Belleville, NY, who gets her first semester textbooks for free. Greene has a Bachelor's in Elementary Education and a Master's in Literacy and lives on a large dairy farm 60 miles north of Syracuse, where she and her husband are expecting their first child. "What made me choose Mansfield was its reputation among librarians in my area," says Greene. "I have met several librarians in our school system who have graduated from the program and loved the flexibility and professionalism." Greene works as a school librarian, a position she could not have quit in order to attend school. With this degree Greene will become eligible for tenure, jump up a level in pay, and become a voting member of her School Library System Council.

Growing and maintaining high enrollments takes good program design—and \$60,000 a year for marketing. Aggressively seeking grant funds from the very beginning, the program has procured money for advertising and scholarships which draws students nationwide. The Institute for Museums and Library Service (IMLS) has awarded SL&IT four grants since 2002 amounting to almost three million dollars. Relying on federal grants to fund the large advertising budget has its drawbacks, however. "Under the current administration IMLS prioritizes recruitment," Keller explains, "but with a presidential election coming up we recognize that those funds could be dispersed differently in the future. That could have a drastic effect on the program," she admits.

At a time of ever-changing information technology when school librarians play a crucial role, teachers have been coming to MU—at least virtually—to update their skills, and about 60 graduates a year help fill the shortage of SMLS. According to Sara Kelly Johns, president of the AASL, school administrators should be looking to hire SLMS who can make "the library extend beyond the walls of the school." It is safe to say that students from Mansfield's SL&IT program can think outside of the walls.

Provost's Awards Presented at Mansfield

The recipients of the Mansfield University Provost's Awards for Outstanding Teaching in the First Year and Excellence in Academic Advising were announced on June 20.

The Provost's Award for Outstanding Teaching in the First Year, developed and administered in conjunction with the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning, is designed to recognize faculty members who make a difference in the first year experience of students.



Linda Iseri accepts the Provost's Award for Outstanding Teaching in the First Year from Provost Michael Renner.

LINDA ISERI, assistant professor of Mathematics, was named the winner by a selection committee, after a campus-wide nomination process.

"Among the many students who wrote in support of her nomination, several speak to her standards, efforts to motivate students and

engagement," Provost Michael Renner said in making the announcement. They said things such as Dr. Iseri 'made us think and work hard to solve the problems, she made us use our prior knowledge, she doesn't let her students give up on themselves and she always has time to help.'"

Bia Bernum, Pamela Richmond, Jennifer Demchak, Steve Hensley, Cathy D'Ortona, Greg Razran, Charlie Seidel, Mike Galloway, Nancy Boston, Karri Verno, Martha Campbell and Phil Savoye were also nominated.

The Provost's Award for Excellence in Academic Advising, developed and administered in conjunction with the Advising Resource Group, is designed to recognize faculty for exemplary academic advising.

NANCY SIDELL, professor of Social Work and chair of the Social Work, Anthropology, & Sociology Department, was named the winner by a selection committee, after a campus-wide nomination process.

"Numerous students nominated Dr. Sidell, and others wrote in support," Renner said. "Among the several students who wrote about her advising for this award, one student said that Dr. Sidell 'knows just about everything, but when she doesn't, she is quick to give a referral to another office or she'll even help find out the answer herself, and she cares a lot about everyone's academic and career goals.' Another student described Sidell's assistance in resolving a problem by saying that she 'acted confidently and concisely, but with warmth and caring.'"

Russ Dodson, Abe Ghods, Linda Iseri, Karri Verno, Scott Davis, Bia Bernum, and Kathy Wright were also nominated.



Nancy Sidell accepts the Provost's Award for Excellence in Academic Advising from Provost Michael Renner.

Middle school students learn about higher education in a unique way!

New York's Union Springs Middle School held a celebration of higher education throughout the entire 2007-2008 school year, in an effort to have students consider a college education, even before they begin high school. The celebration was divided into weeks, with each faculty member having five days to discuss and exhibit information about his/her alma mater. "The University Weeks have really helped our middle school students become aware of college at an early age," said Union Springs Principal Thomas "Andy" Eldridge, a 1989 graduate of Mansfield University. He spent a week teaching the students everything there is to know about Mansfield University by displaying bulletin boards filled with interesting facts, photographs and information on MU, reciting alumni quotes and anecdotes, providing admissions requirements and noting programs for which MU is recognized. He also hosted fun activities and games throughout Mansfield University Week. "I had cool MU-logo prizes to give out, which was more than those 'big guys' had (other faculty members had graduated from Cornell, Syracuse, etc.). It's those little things that stick in the kid's minds, they really respond

to that stuff," said Eldridge. Those little things may develop into big things when the students enter high school and begin applying to college. Proudly wearing the t-shirts they won, recollecting the inspirational alumni quotes they heard or remembering a program of interest they learned about during MU week will serve as a constant reminder of the University and its existence. "A lot of the students had never heard of Mansfield before, and those that did never knew about the good neighbor option which offers reduced tuition for NY state students," said Eldridge. Now, the students have a bigger and better understanding of Mansfield University and what the institution has to offer. "Next year, we are going to combine the concept of University Week with our advisory program," said Eldridge. "It will promote the idea of preparing for and going to college on a daily basis."

• **If you are spreading the word on your alma mater in a unique way, the MU Alumni Office would like to know about it. Please call 888-305-6505 or email alumni2@mansfield.edu and fill us in on what you are doing.**



Union Springs Middle School Principal Andy Eldridge '89 (center) and students conclude "Mansfield University Week" with a 3 on 3 basketball tournament.

Cummings & Gray Earn All-American Honors

For the second time in Mansfield University history, two Mountaineer track and field athletes earned All-America honors at the same NCAA Championship event. Senior Chris Cummings and sophomore Mike Gray each took home All-America honors at the 2008 NCAA Division II Track and Field Championships in Walnut Creek, CA in May.



Cummings, no stranger to the NCAA meet, followed that with a fifth-place showing in the 1,500-meter finals in a time of 3:51.25. Cummings closes his career as one of the most storied athletes in any sport in Mansfield history. The graduate student from Mansfield will leave as the only five-time All-American in school history after earning the honor twice indoors, twice outdoors and once in cross country. Cummings was an All-American in all three seasons this year.

Gray, from Horseheads, NY, garnering his first All-America honor in just his first appearance in the NCAA meet. The sophomore standout landed a throw of 52.81m (173-03), which was good for sixth place.

"I'm incredibly proud of both of these guys," Head Coach Mike Rohl said. "For Mike, this is a great way to start his career as just a sophomore and what a way for Chris to end a career."

Yeakel named North Atlantic Player of the Year



Three Teammates also Honored

Senior Abe Yeakel (Kutztown/Kutztown) was named the 2008 American Baseball Coaches Association/Rawlings NCAA Division II North Atlantic Region Player of the Year, while teammates Ryan Giblin (Feasterville/Neshaminy) earned First Team honors and Irv Sleighter (Chambersburg/Chambersburg) Second Team honors in voting conducted among NCAA Division II North Atlantic Regional head coaches.

Yeakel, who was earlier named to First Team All-PSAC East honors, led the PSAC in hitting this season with a .462 batting average. His 84 hits included 14 doubles and a conference best 12 home runs. He also drove in 59 runs while scoring 56 times with a .524 on-base percentage and stole 10 bases.

A two-time PSAC East Player of the Week selection, Yeakel led the conference in batting average, slugging percentage (.736), on-base percentage, and home runs while finishing second in the hits, runs and RBI. He is seventh in all of Division II in batting average.

Giblin, also a First Team All-PSAC East selection, was selected to first team all-regional honors at shortstop where the senior batting .425 this season. His 74 hits included 11 doubles, two triples and four home runs. He also scored 49 runs while driving in 41 with a .468 on-base percentage.

Giblin ranked fourth in the conference in batting and on-base percentage, fifth in hits and 10th in slugging percentage (.580).

A junior, Sleighter was a First Team All-PSAC East selection at starting pitcher after posting a 6-2 mark on the season. In 56.1 innings worked, Sleighter allowed 51 hits and just 15 earned runs for a 2.40 ERA. He struck out 34 batters while walking just nine and held opponents to a .241 batting average.

For all the latest news, scores and schedule information, check online at <http://sports.mansfield.edu//>

A Great Run

Chris Cummings wrapped up his collegiate running career in May, but national, regional and state-wide honors kept coming all summer for the Mansfield, PA native.

Cummings was selected as the 2008 NCAA Division II National Scholar-Athlete of the Year by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association in July.

He was also named the top male scholar-athlete in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC), winning the 2007-08 Pete Nevins Male Scholar-Athletes of Year Award earlier that month.

"You just can't do any better," said Mansfield head coach Mike Rohl. "Even when he's not running, Chris is amazing. Being named the national Scholar-Athlete of the Year means there is no one in the country who better combines athletic ability and academic success."

In addition to being named the top indoor male scholar-athlete in the country, Cummings, along with teammates Bryan Falcone and Dave Sanford, was named to the 2008 U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) All-Academic Track and Field Team.

To qualify for the USTFCCCA All-Academic Track and Field Team, the student-athlete must have compiled a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 and have met the NCAA Division II Indoor or Outdoor automatic or provisional qualifying standard in their respective event.

A total of 109 student-athletes representing 44 Division II institutions made up the men's 2008 All-Academic team.

Cummings, a graduate student at Mansfield, excelled in his final season of eligibility. He was the only PSAC male to garner All-America honors in cross country, indoor and outdoor track and field. His highest national

showing came with a second-place finish in the mile during the NCAA indoor championships. At other NCAA Championships, he placed sixth in the 1,500 m during the outdoor season, and was 26th at the cross country nationals.

During the indoor season, Cummings won the mile and ran a leg of the winning distance medley relay team at the PSAC Championships. He was crowned co-MVP of the meet and was later recognized as the 2008 PSAC Indoor Track Athlete of the Year.

Also named an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship recipient, Cummings maintained a 4.0 GPA while pursuing his master's degree in education. As an undergraduate, Cummings carried a 3.86 GPA as a physics major. He finishes his storied career at Mansfield as a five-time All-American — twice each in indoor and outdoor track and field, and once in cross country. Between the two track seasons, he owns school records in nine individual and four relay events.

Cummings is the third Mountaineer to earn the PSAC's top honor, joining baseball players Mike Resetar (1995-96) and Matt Edwards (2000-2001).

Selected by the PSAC's sports information directors, the Pete Nevins Male and Female Scholar-Athlete Awards recognize student-athletes who distinguish themselves in the classroom, as well as in the arena of competition. To be nominated for the award, student-athletes must first be selected as a Top Ten recipient.

In their 18th year of existence, the awards were renamed last year to honor East Stroudsburg's long-time sports information director Pete Nevins who passed away in January of 2007.

Society of Honors Call for Nominations

Each year outstanding alumni achievements are recognized through the Society of Honors Program.

To nominate Mansfield University Alumni for the following award(s), please check the applicable category. Complete the form below and **attach a narrative** citing the basis for the nomination.

☐ **ALUMNI CITATION**

Recognizes outstanding achievements and contributions to society through professional, civic and philanthropic work and leadership activities.

☐ **ELSIE BURK SERVICE**

Acknowledges outstanding loyalty or service to Mansfield University.

☐ **DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR**

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MANSFIELD CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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August

- 21-10/2 Art Faculty Show, University Gallery
25 Classes Begin,, 8 a.m., Convocation, 4 p.m.

September

- 9 Opening Reception, Art Faculty Show
University Gallery, 4 p.m.
18 "March on Milwaukee: Putting History into
Play, Margaret Rozga," Frederick Douglas
Institute, Steadman Theatre, 7 p.m.
26-27 Fabulous 1890s Weekend
23 Council of Trustees Meeting, 4 p.m.
26 Prism Concert, Steadman Theatre, 8 p.m.
27 Parents & Family Day

October

- 3-5 Homecoming 2008
4-5 Prism Concert, Steadman Theatre, 8 p.m.
7-12/4 The Lucero Collection, University Gallery
10 Mansfield Brass Quintet
Steadman Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
13-14 Fall Holiday-No Classes
16 Opening Reception, The Lucero
Collection, University Gallery, 4 p.m.
17 Jazz Ensemble/Mansfieldians
Steadman Theatre, 8 p.m.
18 Major Donor Event, 5 p.m.
19 Octoboe fest, Steadman Theatre, 7 p.m.
25 Choral Collage
Steadman Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
27 Octotubafest, Steadman Theatre, 8:15 p.m.

November

- 2 Symphony Orchestra
Steadman Theatre, 3 p.m.
10 Percussion Ensemble
Steadman Theatre, 8 p.m.
14 Opera Workshop Production
Steadman Theatre, 8 p.m.
15 Opera Workshop Production
Steadman Theatre, 8 p.m.
19 Council of Trustees Meeting
North Hall Community Room, 11 a.m.
23 Concert Wind Ensemble
Steadman Theatre, 3 p.m.
26-28 Thanksgiving Holiday-No Classes

December

- 1 Low Brass Holiday Concert
Steadman Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
3-6 Orchestra Holiday Concerts, Go to: <http://music.mansfield.edu/events.htm>
for times & locations
7 Concert Wind Ensemble Reunion
Steadman Theatre, 2 p.m.
13 Fall Commencement, Decker, 1 p.m.

January

- 8-9 University Meeting Days
12 Spring Semester Classes Begin, 8 a.m.
14-3/11 Paintings by Chet Davis
University Gallery

April

- 22 Scholarship Dinner, 5 p.m.

June

- 11-13 Alumni Weekend

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